

Behavioral Health Equity Committee Public Meeting

Meeting Minutes July 14, 2022

Facilitated by: Deana Helmy, County Co-Chair, Iliana Soto- Welty, Community Co-Chair

I. Welcome and Introduction

- Welcome and introduction by Deana Helmy and Iliana Soto Welty.
- Attendees asked to share in the chat their names and organizations.
- Agenda and community agreements shared and explained to committee.

II. CCPU/ Workgroups

- Workgroups Spirituality, Outreach to Black and African Americans, Education and Community Relations, Threshold languages, LGBTQ, Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Equity, Inclusiveness, and Collaboration are values we want to be sure are kept in mind with all the work we do in our workgroups and in the CCPU.
- Cultural Competency Plan shared with committee as well as the CCPU goals. The goals include; to enhance community relations, continue to develop equity and inclusion, support the anti-racism resolution statement by the Board of Supervisors, Operationalize CCP in program clinic level and all parts of the Mental Health and Recovery System

III. Workgroup Template

- Committee voted on the most important CCPU goal to them. Members then chose their breakout groups from the 3 winning goals. The breakout groups will discuss action items and what these goals will look like.
- Last meeting community asked for more time for discussion, so there will be adequate time during this meeting for discussion.
- Each groups facilitators will take notes and come back to share what was discussed.
- Thoughts were shared on cultural competence wording and it was acknowledged that the state has not updated the criteria and language.
- Work groups shared some of the following ideas: Important to acknowledge cultures, respect and have someone that identifies with that culture, coming in with humility, wanting to learn from another, have lived experiences, outreach to more community members, perhaps incentivize people to come, training for community members and county staff, sharing resources with the community and incorporate language access.

IV. Presentation by Hieu Nguyen – Office of Population and Health Equity

- Hieu shared that many of our group members were a part of their equity in OC presentation recently held.
- Office of Population Health and Health Equity work is centered around meeting the vision and mission of the Health Care Agency which is to deliver sustainable and responsive services to the community.

- Equity in OC initiative grant came from the CDC to expand service in underserved communities. We have identified: Transgender community, the Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander community, and the Indigenous and Native American community.
- Some of the grant initiatives include: data collection and use, capacity for structure, Mobilizing community partnerships.
- Hieu shared the work of the Equity in OC Taskforce and that 3 priority areas were identified: Housing is Health, Food as Medicine, Health and Healing. In addition, 6 priority population collectives were identified: API, Black, Disabilities, Latinx, LGBTQ, and Older Adults.
- Hieu spoke about the pillars being kept in mind with their work: being community informed and data driven, able to identify the social determinates of health, Equitable participation, collectively building capacity as an agency.

IV. Next Meeting

- Information was shared on how to join one of the BHEC workgroups.
- Our next public meeting will be held on October 13, 2022.
- Thanks to everyone in attendance.