

# Orange County Health Care Agency – Mental Health and Recovery Services

## Behavioral Health Equity Committee – Steering Committee

**Co-Chair: Deana Helmy, LMFT, MBA**  
Behavioral Health Clinician II, OCHCA

**Co-Chair: Iliana Soto**  
Community Partnerships, Mind-OC

**BHEC Steering Committee**

**Community Members**

Sohail Eftekhazadeh  
Program Director  
CCS/Pathways

Duan Tran  
Professor  
CalState Fullerton

Michael Arnot  
Executive Director  
Children’s Cause OC

John Reynolds  
Peer Mentor  
Royale TRC

Johnice Williams  
Peer Community Member

(Open Seat)

**County Members**

April Thornton  
Program Manager  
HCA

Teresa Renteria  
Program Manager  
HCA

Belinda McCleese  
BHC II, HCA

Wendy Banicki  
Service Chief, HCA

Daniel Gibbs  
Peer Specialist, HCA

Luyen Pham  
Service Chief, HCA

**Meeting AGENDA**

February 16, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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|------|---|------------|
| 1:00 | Welcome and Introductions   | IS/DH      |
| ○    | Approval of Minutes (Jan 2023)  | SC Members |
| 1:15 | Reflection  | JW         |
| 1:30 | Business  |            |
| ○    | Workgroup re-designation (Subcommittees)  | DH/IS      |
| ○    | CCPU Progress Update  | DH/IS      |
| ○    | Steering Committee Membership/Elections   | DH/IS      |
| ○    | BHEC: Vision for 2023   | IS/DH      |
| 2:00 | Schedule for this Year  | IS/DH      |
| 2:10 | BHAB Update   | DT         |
| 2:20 | Announcements   | SC Members |
| ○    | Racism is a Public Health Crisis. Structural, Systemic and Institutional Racism must be directly addressed.   |            |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Board of Supervisors (Resolution No. 21-028):<br/> <i>“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS declares our commitment to protect and improve the lives of Orange County residents in acknowledging the grave harms of racism, repudiate those who perpetrate acts of racism, and commit to work in our role as a county government to eradicate racism.”</i> </li> <li>● New Resolution</li> </ul> |            |
| 2:30 | Adjourn   |            |

**Meeting Dates for 2023: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the Behavioral Health Training Center**

**Steering Committee: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month**

(March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, No Meeting in December)

**Public Meeting: April 6, July 6, October 26**

*BHEC efforts are focused on the promotion of behavioral health equity for unserved and underserved racial and ethnic communities, as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer and intersex (LGBTQI), Veterans, deaf and hard of hearing and other cultural groups. Key strategies are focused on data, policy, quality, and communication.*