

**BHEC Steering Committee Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 19th, 2022**

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

**In Attendance:** Renteria, Teresa; Reynolds, John; Whetsell; Brittany; Gibbs, Danny; Thornton, April; Williams, Johnice; Eftekharzadeh, Sohail; McCleese, Belinda; Pham, Lu;

**I. Welcome and Introduction**

- Iliana opens meeting and welcomes committee.
- Minutes approved by members for the previous December meeting.
- Intro question: What are you excited about in 2023?
- Members shared the following thoughts:
  - Johnice shared that she is excited to be involved in the African American Community and all the great things that they will be putting together this year.
  - Many members shared their excitement in the great work their workgroups are doing, renewed momentum, and the many changes happening in the Healthcare Agency.
  - Members all shared their excitement for a new year on the BHEC Committee.

**II. Work Group Discussion**

- Review of last month's discussion on restructuring workgroups, and issue-based workgroups with different representation.
- Discussion on working together with the Equity in OC initiative and having members attend as a liaison to report back to our committee.
- Suggestion to have a member working with the Homeless community become a part of our steering committee.

**III. CCPU Updates**

- CCPU still being worked – currently being formatted and revised.
- Will be shared with committee when completed.

**IV. SC Membership and Elections**

- Everyone who was not physically at the meeting has been reached out to renew membership. 1 county and 1 committee member have stepped down.
- Members shared thoughts that we can look at the list of people who have expressed interest, and note their attendance of the larger committee meetings, as well as asking them if they would be willing to be part of a workgroup.

- Also spoke about the benefit of knowing the member and being able to vouch for them.
- Election held for the Community co-chair voting done anonymously.
- Unanimous decision to reelect Iliana Soto Welty as the community co-chair.

#### IV. **Miscellaneous/ Upcoming Events**

- Discussion on the best proposed time for the ongoing meetings.
- Members voted in favor to have the meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of the month 1:00 – 2:30.
- Discussion around having zoom options for members who are unable to make it in person.
- Members voted in favor of having a zoom option available for future meetings.
- Duan Tran shared updates and his acting as a liaison for the Behavioral Health Advisory Board and Supervisor Chaffey.
- Teresa mentioned having the BHEC part of the MHSA Plan and will likely reach out to the committee.
- Deana mentioned putting on an BHEC event – to get input from community as well as connecting with new members. Members agree this would be a good idea.
- **Next Meeting:**  
February 16, 2023  
1:00pm – 2:30 pm  
At Behavioral Health Training Center