

BHEC Steering Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
December 22, 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

I. Welcome and Introduction

- Iliana opens meeting and welcomes committee.
- Minutes approved by members for the September SC meeting and October Public Meeting.
- Intro question: What does Equity mean to you?
- Members shared the following thoughts:
 - looking at people and understanding their needs, and that every person has different needs that need to be met.
 - The accessibility we create for our clients.
 - Free access to health in all aspects.
 - The empowerment to be able to succeed with equal opportunity.
- Members agree that equity is an ongoing project but improving health outcomes can be the measurable act.

II. Work Group Updates

- Deana shared that Michael Arnot will be stepping down as chair of education and community relations group.
- Discussion about ways we can rebuild the workgroups and bring back some of the groups that have fallen off.
- Committee agrees we need to refocus the subcommittees so that we can try to pinpoint the needs. Not just the services but how can we get the communities involved and advocating with them and build their relationships.
- Iliana shared the idea of a racism is a public health crisis work group and the declaration was shared with the group.
- Group members also mentioned the need for a homeless population workgroup.
- Committee voted to get rid of the Education and Community Relations work group.
- Suggestion made to have workgroups be more issue based and have representation from different populations and cultural groups.

III. CCPU Updates

- Extension has been filed until January 31st.

- Formatting and final revisions are being worked on.

IV. SC Membership and Elections

- Every 2 years members recommit to their membership on the steering committee. All present members recommitted to the Steering Committee.
- We will reach out to the members who have not been attending regularly and ask if they would like to remain on the committee.
- Community co-chair spot will be up for re- elections. Iliana was nominated to return as community co-chair.
- Members agree that we will wait until next meeting to include everyone in the vote. We will also go back to review the bylaws.

V. Workgroup Updates/ Upcoming Events

- Next year's schedule reviewed: 2nd Thursday of the month has posed an issue for members; co-chairs suggest 3rd Thursday of the month.
- Committee Members agree on the 3rd Thursday at 1:00 pm as the new standing meeting date for January.
- Johnice shared updates on an upcoming Black History Month Event.
- Next Meeting: January 19th at 1:00 pm at the Behavioral Health Training Center.