

Orange County Health Care Agency – Mental Health and Recovery Services

Behavioral Health Equity Committee – Steering Committee

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BHEC Steering Committee

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Meeting AGENDA

May 18, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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| 1:00 | Welcome and Introductions | IS/DH |
| ○ | Approval of Minutes (April 2023) | SC Members |
| 1:10 | Member Reflection | SC Member |
| 1:25 | Business | |
| ○ | Subcommittee/Workgroup Updates | |
| ○ | Outreach to B/AA | JW |
| ○ | LGBTQ+ | LP |
| ○ | Deaf and Hard of Hearing | BM |
| ○ | Spirituality | DG |
| ○ | New Subcommittee Updates | BW/IS |
| ○ | Planning for Minority Mental Health Month | All |
| ○ | Next Meeting Discussion (June 15) | All |
| 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. | |
| • | Board of Supervisors (Resolution No. 21-028):
<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> | |
| • | New Resolution | |
| 2:30 | Adjourn | |
- Meeting Dates for 2023: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the Behavioral Health Training Center Steering Committee: 3rd Thursday of the Month**
(June 15*, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, No Meeting in December)
- Public Meeting: July 27, 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.