

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

January 18, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

1:00 Check-In & Welcome

Approval of minutes

SC Members

1:05 Member Reflection

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1:15 Business

- Recap from the December Retreat DH/IS
- Steering Committee Expectations DH/IS
- New Applicant DH/IS
- Subcommittee/Workgroup Updates
 - Outreach to B/AA JW
 - Deaf and Hard of Hearing BM
 - Spirituality DG/JR
 - New Subcommittee Updates DH/IS
- Public Meeting Structure/Agenda Development All
- Finalize Meeting Schedule 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):
“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.”
 - New Resolution

2:30 Adjourn

Next Steering Committee Meeting: February 15 (1 – 2:30)

Next Public Meeting: Thursday, February 29, 2023 (12:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

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.