

Orange County Health Care Agency – Mental Health and Recovery Services

Behavioral Health Equity Committee - Steering Committee

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Meeting AGENDA

January 23, 2025
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1:00 Check-In & Welcome

Approval of minutes

SC Members

1:05 Reflection

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1:15 Business

- Debrief Retreat, Expectations, Plan for 2025
- New Steering Committee Members Recruitment
- Subcommittee/Workgroup Updates
 - Outreach to B/AA
 - Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 - Spirituality
 - API
 - LGBTQ+Allies
 - LatinX
 - SUD
 - American-Indian/Native/Indigenous

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BM

DG/JR

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2:10 BHAB Update

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2:20 Announcements

SC Members

2:30 Public Meeting Agenda Planning

All Members

3:00 Adjourn

Next Steering Committee Meeting: March 27, 2025

Next Public Meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2025 (12:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

The Behavioral Health Equity Committee is dedicated to impacting behavioral health services by promoting recovery and wellness in diverse communities. Collectively, we aim to: create awareness, eliminate disparities, reduce stigma, increase engagement, recommend community-informed policies, expand equitable access to behavioral health services, and work to ensure culturally responsive, inclusive, intersectional, and trauma-informed care in Orange County.