

**Orange County Health Care Agency - Behavioral Health Services**  
**Behavioral Health Equity Committee - Steering Committee**

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Wesley Shain  
 Staff Specialist, HCA

**Meeting AGENDA**

June 26, 2025

1:00 pm – 3:00pm

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| 1:00 | Check-In & Welcome  |             |
|      | Approval of Minutes   | SC Members  |
| 1:05 | Reflection  |             |
| 1:15 | Business  |             |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Debrief Public Meeting (May) <span style="float: right;">DH/LL</span></li> <li>○ Subcommittee/Workgroup Updates               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Outreach to B/AA <span style="float: right;">JW</span></li> <li>○ Deaf and Hard of Hearing <span style="float: right;">BM</span></li> <li>○ Spirituality <span style="float: right;">RF</span></li> <li>○ API <span style="float: right;">LL</span></li> <li>○ LGBTQ+ Allies <span style="float: right;">ND</span></li> <li>○ LatinX <span style="float: right;">MO</span></li> <li>○ SUD <span style="float: right;">AP</span></li> <li>○ American-Indian/ Native/ Indigenous <span style="float: right;">GA</span></li> </ul> </li> </ul> |             |
| 2:10 | BHAB Updates  | DT          |
| 2:20 | Announcements   | SC Members  |
| 2:30 | Public Meeting Agenda Planning  | All Members |
| 3:00 | Adjourn   |             |

**Next Steering Committee Meeting: July 24, 2025**

**Next Public Meeting: Thursday, August 28, 2025 (12:00pm – 3:00pm)**

*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.*