

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

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Meeting AGENDA

August 28, 2025

1:00 pm – 3:00pm

1:00 Check-In & Welcome

Approval of Minutes

SC Members

1:05 Reflection

1:15 Business

- Debrief July's Steering Committee Meeting SC Members
- Discussion on Subcommittee Transformation 2026
- Community Stakeholders Navigation Issues
- Preparation for November Public Meeting
- Poll: Proposed Meeting Time Change*
- Subcommittee/Workgroup Updates
 - Outreach to B/AA JW
 - Deaf and Hard of Hearing BM
 - Spirituality RF
 - API LL
 - LGBTQ+ Allies ND
 - LatinX MO
 - SUD AP
 - American-Indian/ Native/ Indigenous GA

2:10 BHAB Updates

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2:20 Announcements

SC Members

2:30 Public Meeting Agenda Planning

All Members

3:00 Adjourn

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2025 (1:00pm – 3:00pm) *

Next Public Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 2025 (1:00pm – 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.