

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

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<u>BHEC Steering Committee</u>	
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Wesley Shain Staff Specialist, HCA	

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	DT
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.