

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

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Meeting AGENDA

January 22, 2026

1:00 pm – 3:00pm

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| 1:00 | Check-In & Welcome | SC Members |
| 1:05 | Reflection | |
| 1:15 | Business | |
| o | Debrief BHEC Retreat (Dec. 2025) | DH/LL |
| • | Support & Q's – EIAP Workplan (Due 1/30) | WS |
| • | Support & Q's – Workgroup Mtg Report | WS |
| • | Newsletter "Equity Exchange" | SC Members |
| o | Subcommittee/Workgroup Updates | |
| • | Outreach to B/AA | JW |
| • | Deaf and Hard of Hearing | BM |
| • | Spirituality | RF |
| • | API | LL |
| • | LGBTQ+ Allies | ND |
| • | LatinX | MO |
| • | SUD | CG |
| • | American-Indian/ Native/ Indigenous | GA |
| 2:10 | BHAB & Policy Updates | DT/DH |
| 2:20 | Announcements | SC Members |
| 2:30 | Public Meeting Agenda Planning | All Members |
| o | Confirm Public Meeting Dates | |
| • | Report on Delhi Center Mtg | |
| • | BHTC Reserved 03/23 & 06/22 | |
| • | BHEC Summit 09/24 from 9am – 2pm | |
| 3:00 | Adjourn | |

Next Steering Committee Meeting: February 26, 2026 (1pm -3pm)

Next Public Meeting: TBD - March 23, 2026 (4:00pm – 6:00pm)

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.