



- Emerging ideas included: Anti-hate and hate-crime awareness, oppression, belonging, and discrimination, historical trauma and restorative justice, and incorporating messages of healing and hope. Potential CBO collaborators: HEAAL, OC Human Relations, Groundswell, others.
- Committee agreed to explore interactive components, thematic framing (anti-hate/restorative justice), and potential speakers.
- Continued planning toward the BHEC Summit on September 24, 2026 (9 AM–2 PM); recruitment to begin.

#### **IV. BHAB & Policy Updates**

- Alan Albright and Linda Smith were elected Chair and Vice-Chair of Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB). The last BHAB meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> was a BHSA Public Hearing regarding the Behavioral Health Integrated Plan (BHIP).
- Leadership updates: Ian Kemmer returning as Deputy Director of Adult & Older Adult (AOA). Diane Holly will serve as Deputy Director of Forensics. Dr. Kelley, the current Agency Director, will also assume the Director of Behavioral Health Services role as required by WIC. Annette will come into BHS to support the service area in organizational realignment.

#### **V. Subcommittee/Workgroup Updates**

- **Black/African American (B/AA)**
  - Workgroup focuses on building a resource database and partnership with 211 OC continues.
- **Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH)**
  - Workgroup progressing strongly; exploring adding homelessness as a secondary focus area. Also, an upcoming collaboration with the Dayle McIntosh Center to present “Building Stability: Addressing DHH Housing and Mental Health Together.”
- **American Indian/Native/Indigenous (AI/NI)**
  - Received DHCS letter regarding PAVE next steps for provider application/validation; described as a major systems win for the population.
- **Spirituality Workgroup**
  - Preparing for their Meeting of the Minds presentation on May 22 in Anaheim.
- **Substance Use Disorder (SUD)**
  - Member will no longer participate in the CHIP due to an imbalance of County representation within the space.

**Next Steering Committee Meeting: May 28, 2026 (1:00pm – 3:00pm)**

**Next Public Meeting: June 22, 2026 (4:00pm – 6:00pm)**