



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC) – Steering Committee Meeting

May 28, 2026
1:00PM – 3:00 PM

BHEC Steering Committee

Co-Chairs

Dr. Deana Helmy, EdD, LMFT, MBA

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MEETING AGENDA

1:00 Check-In & Welcome SC Members

1:05 Reflection

1:15 Business:

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

• EIAP Quarterly Check-In & Meeting Report

- Reminder of Reporting (06/30) WS

• Equity Exchange

1:35

• June's Public Mtg Agenda Planning

- Logistics, Panelist, Closing Ritual DH/WS

2:30 BHAB & Policy Updates DT/DH

2:35 Announcements SC Members

2:40 BHEC Summit 09/24 from 9am – 2pm

- o Brainstorm Topic/Content Idea/ Recruitment

3:00 Adjourn

Next Steering Committee Meeting: July 23, 2026 (1pm -3pm)

Next Public Meeting: June 22, 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.