



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Behavioral Health Equity Committee (BHEC) – Steering Committee Meeting

July 23, 2026
1:00PM – 3:00 PM

BHEC Steering Committee	MEETING AGENDA
Co-Chairs Dr. Deana Helmy, EdD, LMFT, MBA Equity Services Manager, OC HCA Dr. Luna Lu, PsyD Clinical Director, AASCSC Community Members Duan Tran, MSW Professor, Cal State Fullerton Johnice Williams Community Liaison Mario Ortega Chief Executive Officer, Abrazar, Inc. Virginia (Gina) Arvizu-Sanchez, LCSW Project Director, Sacred Path Rebecca Freeman Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange County Members April Thornton, LMFT Program Manager, OC HCA Belinda McCleese, LMFT BHC II, OC HCA Claudia Gonzalez de Griese, LMFT BHC II, OC HCA Dr. Golnoush (Goli) Hooshvar, Ph.D, LMFT BHC II, OC HCA Nichole Duplesse Health Program Specialist, OC HCA Wesley Shain, MHA Staff Specialist, OC HCA	1:00 Check-In & Welcome SC Members 1:05 Reflection 1:15 Business: - Recap June's Public Mtg - Review Feedback Survey DH/WS - EIAP Quarterly Check-In & Meeting Report WS - Reminder of Reporting (09/30) - Discuss Next Steps End of Year - Equity Exchange – Q3 WS 1:35 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 1:45 BHEC Summit 09/24 from 9am – 2pm - Planning, Review Tentative Schedule, and Recruitment - Taskforce Mtgs: 7/28, 8/11, 8/25, 9/8, 9/15, 9/21, 9/22, 9/23 2:30 BHAB & Policy Updates DT/DH 2:35 Announcements SC Members 3:00 Adjourn Next Steering Committee Meeting: August 27, 2026 (1pm -3pm) BHEC Summit: September 24, 2026 (9:00am – 4:00pm)

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.