



## Steering Committee Meeting



### Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2025

1:00 pm – 3:00pm

Hybrid Microsoft Teams & 451 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA - Kingston Conference Room

**Steering Committee (SC) Members Present:** John Andrews, Megan Barajas, Dr. Juan Carlos Belliard, Diana Fox (Co-chair), Peggi Hazlett, Ken Johnston, George Lamb, Dr. Rishi Parikh, Cindy Schmall, Terrance Stone, Dr. Sharon Wang, and Jodie Wingo.

**Staff/Guests Present:** Dori Baeza, Veronica Gutierrez, Tab Okonkwo, and Scott Rigsby.

AGENDA TOPICS	DISCUSSION	Action Responsible Person
Call to Order & Introductions	The meeting was called to order by Diana Fox at 1:00 pm. Diana led the welcome and introductions. A quorum of Steering Committee (SC) members was present.	
1.1 Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes	The motion to approve the agenda and minutes was proposed by Diana Fox and was first motioned by Peggi Hazlett and seconded by John Andrews.	
2.1 Steering Committee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Wang, recently appointed as County Health Officer, provided an overview of her educational and professional journey, including her degrees in Nutritional Science and Osteopathic Medicine. She highlighted her experience in infectious disease and her previous role as deputy health officer, where she managed communicable diseases.</li> <li>Dr. Wang emphasized her commitment to getting to know the team and enhancing public health in the county.</li> <li>All present SC members went around the room to introduce themselves and shared information with Dr. Wang about their organizations and their leadership role.</li> </ul>	
2.1 Implementation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tab Okonkwo provided an update on the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Implementation Committee (IC) meeting which focused on the Behavioral Health Priority Area Strategy 1. James Soward with San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) and Sophia Juarez with Reach Out shared their experiences and challenges, fostering a collaborative environment for attendees to ask questions and discuss strategies. The group emphasized the need to streamline activities under the strategies to enhance effectiveness.</li> <li>The next meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> will focus on Behavioral Health Priority Area Strategy 2.</li> </ul>	
3.1 Community Transformation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diana Fox shared with the SC the proposed updated language for Behavioral Health Strategy #1, which the Implementation Committee viewed needed to be expanded to highlight the need for increasing the number of school-based health centers and wellness centers in San Bernardino County. She emphasized that the IC wanted to include language to “increase utilization”.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SC approved the new updated language which now reads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Strategy 1 Language:</u></b>  <b>Current Language:</b>  Utilize school-based health or wellness centers (mobile or physical clinics) as an access point for increasing access to mental health and substance use screening treatment and referral services and oral health screenings  <b>Approved New Language:</b>  Increase both the number of school-based Health Centers (mobile and physical sites) and Student Wellness Centers; and increase utilization as an access point for mental health services, substance-use screening/treatment, and basic needs referral services.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Announcements/Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SC shared concerns regarding current events and the impact on the communities/clients they serve. Diana Fox proposed that a middle-of-the-month Check-in meeting be scheduled for the SC. The “SC Check-in Meeting” would provide a united forum for sharing critical updates and/or resources for members to share with the communities they serve and may be impacted at this time.</li> </ul>	
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.</li> </ul>	

### Next Meeting

March 17, 2025