

KERN HEALTH SYSTEMS

EQIHEC Committee Summary Report

Q1 2025

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the quarterly activities and outcomes for the Executive Quality Improvement Health Equity Committee (EQIHEC). It provides a window into the performance of the EQIHEC and its nine subcommittees. It serves as the summary of quarterly elements for the Department of Health Care Service's (DCHS) D.0021 requirements. Areas covered in the report include:

- I. Activities
- II. Initiatives
- III. Projects
- IV. Updates

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I. Activities:

- Facilitating Regional Access Committees (RACs) for community input
- Facilitating Health Equity and Learning Committee (HEAL) for provider input
- Facilitating Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (JEDI) for internal staff input
- Collaborating with providers receiving Equity & Practice Transformation (EPT) funding
- Facilitated the DHCS Transforming Maternal Health Model (TMaH) press conference.
- Organized and facilitated DHCS staff on local tours and discussions with Kern County partners.
- Facilitate SOGI training to internal staff
- Facilitated a Cultural Competency training for CoC University
- Collaborated by speaking on a panel for the ROSE Mentoring Program
- Participated in the annual Point-In-Time (PIT) count
- Facilitate a survey of all noncompliant providers

II. Initiatives:

- Partnering with Kern County Department of Public Health on the Kern Health Equity Partnership (KHEP)
- Partnering with Kern County Department of Public Health on the Community Health Improvement Plan/ Community Health Assessment (CHIP/CHA)
- Partnering with Kern County Department of Public Health on the Black Infant and Maternal Health Initiative (BIMHI)

III. Projects:

- Develop a training on Behavioral Health for providers
- Revamp the Behavioral Health (Mental Health) website page
- Develop an addendum for the JEDI Charter
- Administer Transgender, Gender Diverse or Intersex (TGI) trainings to all staff
- Develop a workgroup to address East Kern maternal care needs
- Develop an CMM Interdisciplinary Care Team
- Develop the Population Needs Assessment (PNA)

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IV. Updates:

- Senior Director of Wellness and Prevention, Isabel Silva, presented on the Wellness and Prevention Annual Report. The reports was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Behavioral Health Director, Melinda Santiago, presented the Behavioral Health Department quarter one report. The report was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Quality Performance Director, Kailey Collier, presented the Quality Performance Summary Report for quarter one. The report was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Quality Improvement Director, Magdee Hugais, presented the Quality Performance Evaluation for 2024. The evaluation was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Quality Improvement Director, Magdee Hugais, presented the Quality Improvement Work Plan for 2025. The plan was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Quality Improvement Director, Magdee Hugais, presented the Quality/Health Equity Program Description for 2025. The description was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Quality Improvement Director, Magdee Hugais, presented the Quality Improvement Trilogy Overview. The presentation These documents provide a comprehensive assessment of program performance, outline strategic priorities for the coming year, and establish measurable goals to enhance clinical care, service quality, and member experience.
- Member Services Manager, Amy Sanders, presented the Operational Board Report for quarter four. The report was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Member Services Manager, Amy Sanders, presented the the Grievance Summary Report for quarter four. The report was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Member Services Manager, Amy Sanders, presented the Member Services Email Audit Summary Report. The report was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Medical Director, Maninder Khalsa, presented the Utilization Management Report for quarter four. The report was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Senior Director for Health Services, Christine Pence, presented the Workplan Evaluation for 2024. The evaluation was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Senior Director for Health Services, Christine Pence, presented the Workplan for 2025. The plan was approved by the EQIHEC membership.

- Senior Director for Health Services, Christine Pence, presented the Utilization Management Criteria. The report was approved by the EQIHIEC membership.
 - Provider Network Analytics Program Manager, Greg Panero, presented on the Network Advocacy Report for quarter one. The report was approved by the EQIHIEC membership.
 - Director of Population Health Management, Michelle Curioso, presented on the Improving Maternal Healthcare Access in East Kern County report. The report was approved by the EQIHIEC membership.
 - Health Equity Manager, Pawan Gill, presented the Health Equity Workplan for 2025. The plan was approved by the EQIHIEC membership.
 - Health Equity Manager, Pawan Gill, presented the JEDI Charter. The charter was approved by the EQIHIEC membership.
 - Health Equity Manager, Pawan Gill, presented on the Health Equity Office Updates. The updates included working on Health Equity trainings in 2025, Equity and Practice Transformation (EPT) and working with local Doulas.
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