

KERN HEALTH SYSTEMS

EQIHEC Committee Summary Report

Q2 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
- Facilitate Strategic Planning for the Black Infant and Maternal Health Initiative (BIMHI)
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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)
- Partnering with Kern County Public Health on the Maternal Care Committee (MCC)

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III. Projects:

- Submission of D-SNP Application
- Submission of the Kern Health Systems' NCQA Accreditation – Medicaid-HMO
- Credentialing System Controls 2024 Annual Report
- 2024 Annual Confidentiality and Non-Discriminatory Monitoring Report
- Public Health Management Strategy 2025
- Utilization Management Policies: 3.07, 3.16, 3.26, 3.39, and 30.55
- 2025 Utilization Management Workplan
- Health Education Class Service Audit
- 2025 Health Equity Office Workplan
- HHCS APL 25-004 Community Reinvestment P&P Compliance Filing
- Quality Improvement 2025 Workplan
- 2024 Customer Satisfaction Survey
- CBP Poster for PCP Offices
- Quality Improvement Audits
- Wellness and Prevention Audits
- Community Health Worker Policy Updates
- 2025 Quality Improvement Workplan
- Behavioral Health Policy for Minor Consent to address DHCS APL 24-019
- Enhanced Portal Integration for COSA and JIVA
- Behavioral Health 2025 Roadmap for Integration of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services
- Create 2026 Behavioral Health Member Experience Surveys (Adults and Children)
- 2025 Wellness and Prevention Department Roadmap

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IV. Updates:

- Senior Director of Wellness and Prevention, Isabel Silva, presented on the 2025 Wellness and Prevention Roadmap. 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.
- MCAS/HEIDIS Supervisor, Aurora De La Torre, 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 Improvement Q1 2025 Report. The report was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Member Services Manager, Amy Sanders, presented the Q1 2025 Operational Board Report. The report was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Member Services Manager, Amy Sanders, presented the Q1 2025 Grievance Summary Report. The report was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Senior Director for Health Services, Christine Pence, presented the Utilization Management Q1 2025 Report. The report was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Director of Population Health Management, Michelle Curioso, presented the Q1 2025 report. The report was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Director of Population Health Management, Michelle Curioso, presented the Q1 2025 Department Updates. The presentation was approved to receive and file by the EQIHEC membership.
- Health Equity Manager, Pawan Gill, presented the Health Equity Workplan for 2025. The plan was approved by the EQIHEC membership.
- Health Equity Manager, Pawan Gill, presented Q1 2025 Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Updates. The update was approved to receive and file by the EQIHEC membership.
- Health Equity Manager, Pawan Gill, presented on the Health Equity Office Updates. The update was approved to receive and file by the EQIHEC membership.