

San Mateo County Health Equity Initiatives

Join us! Support wellness in your community. ALL ARE WELCOME!



"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

Coretta Scott King

Reasons to Join a Health Equity Initiative



Educate your community about available resources, Behavioral Health & Recovery services, trainings and events to support wellness and decrease stigma



Celebrate wellness with your community by planning an annual event



Advocate for your community by identifying and prioritizing community needs

Health Equity Initiatives (HEIs) consist of community leaders, community members, clients, family members, and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services workforce. Each Initiative meets monthly to implement support, share resources and identify ways to reduce stigma and increase access to services.

Past Quarter Accomplishments

- Led a Be Sensitive Be Brave Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Workshop for Chinese Mandarinspeaking communities
- Hosted 10-Year Pride Celebration with over 3,000 attendees
- Participated in Filipinx Kwentuhan:
 Equity through Art Webinar
- Hosted the 9th Annual Sana Sana Community Event
- Created a medicinal garden at the Phoenix Garden site

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Health Equity Initiative Meeting Details 2022-2023

All meetings are currently virtual. Please contact co-chairs for most up-to-date information.

Initiative	Day	Time	Zoom Meeting ID	Co-Chairs
African American Community Initiative	2nd Tues	10:30am-12:00pm	Meeting ID: 865 8813 7242 Contact Co-Chair for passcode.	Lee Harrison LeHarrison@smcgov.org (650) 372-6118 Delicia 'Dee' Pennix dpennix@smcgov.org
Chinese Health Initiative	1st Fri	1:30-3:00pm	Meeting ID: 875 3738 2721 Contact Co-Chair for passcode.	Jessie Ren jren@smcgov.org Alyson Suzuki CHI@smcgov.org
Diversity and Equity Council	1st Fri	11:00-12:30pm	Meeting ID: 840 4489 5737 Contact Co-Chair for passcode.	Frances Lobos flobos@smcgov.org (650) 372-3272 Brenda Nunez brenda.nunez@star-vista.org (650) 579-0359 ext. 25
Filipino Mental Health Initiative	3rd Thurs	5:00-6:30pm	Meeting ID: 958 2509 7637 Contact Co-Chair for passcode & dial-in #	Stephanie Balon fmhismc@gmail.com (650) 387-7142 Christi Morales-Kumasawa fmhismc@gmail.com (650) 489-5046
Latino/a/x Collaborative	4th Tues	3:30-5:00pm	Meeting ID: 873 7184 8345 Contact Co-Chair for passcode	Gloria Cahuich Gonzalez gcgonzalez@smcgov.org (650) 573-3665 Pati Ramirez pati@alasdreams.com
Native and Indigenous Peoples Initiative	3rd Thurs	8:30-10:00am	Meeting ID: 829 2122 8310 Contact Co-Chair for passcode	Gloria Gutierrez ggutierrez@smcgov.org (650) 573-2076 Silvia Salcedo SiSalcedo@smcgov.org (650) 464-8966
Pacific Islander Initiative	1st Wed	6:00-7:30PM	Meeting ID: 861 9621 1890 Contact Co-Chair for passcode	Rochelle Tuitele rtuitele@samoansolutions.org VACANT
Pride Initiative	2nd Wed	4:30-6:00pm	Meeting ID: 815 1084 4451 Contact Co-Chair for passcode	Scott Gruendl sgruendl@smcgov.org Dana Johnson theractivist@gmail.com
Spirituality Initiative	2nd Tues	12:30-2:00pm	Meeting ID: 843 6258 7538 Contact Co-Chair for passcode	Isaac Frederick ifrederick@smcgov.org (650) 802-3351 Pam Ward wpam3238@gmail.com

