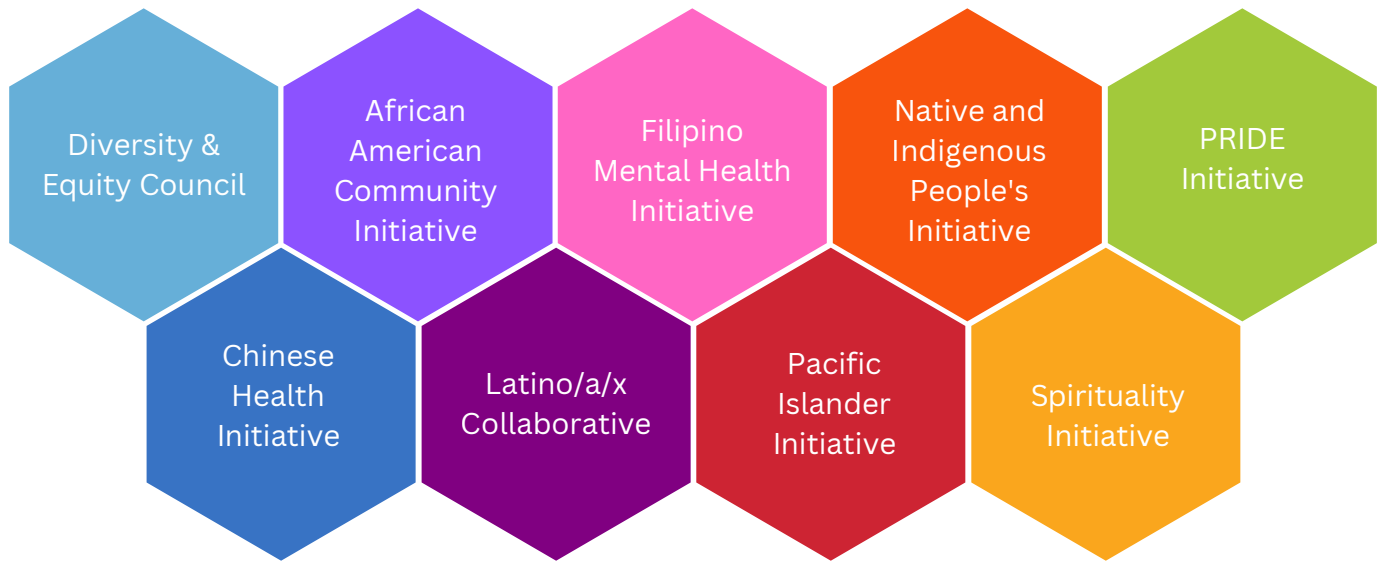


San Mateo County Health Equity Initiatives

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 Mandarin-speaking 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

Learn More



Health Equity Initiative Meeting Details 2025-26

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	10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Meeting ID: 865 8813 7242 Contact Co-Chair for passcode.	Delicia Pennix aaci.initiative@gmail.com; 650-207-1191 Naliah Kelley naliahkelley@aspireclubhouse.org
Chinese Health Initiative	1st Fri	1:30-3:00 PM	Meeting ID: 875 3738 2721 Contact Co-Chair for passcode.	Kristie Lui kflui@smcgov.org; (650) 573-5037 Alyson Suzuki CHI@smcgov.org
Diversity and Equity Council	1st Fri	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	Meeting ID: 840 4489 5737 Contact Co-Chair for passcode.	Frances Lobos flobos@smcgov.org (650) 701-4507 *Open opportunity for: Community Co-Chair*
Filipino Mental Health Initiative	3rd Thurs	6:00-7:30 PM	Meeting ID: 834 6072 6094 Contact Co-Chair for passcode.	Francesca Reyes franmariereyes@gmail.com; fmhismc@gmail.com *Open opportunity for: County Co-Chair*
Latino/a/x Collaborative	4th Tues	3:30-5:00 PM	Meeting ID: 873 7184 8345 Contact Co-Chair for passcode	Gabriela Perez gaperez@smcgov.org; (650) 599-1073 Pati Ramirez pati@alasdreams.com
Native and Indigenous Peoples Initiative	3rd Thurs	8:30-10:00 AM	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	6:00-7:30 PM	Meeting ID: 861 9621 1890 Contact Co-Chair for passcode *HYBRID*	Tia Bell tbell1@smcgov.org (650) 216-8771 Epi Aumavae eaumavae@samoansolutions.org *Open opportunity for: County Co-Chair*
PRIDE Initiative	2nd Wed	4:30-6:00 PM	Meeting ID: 815 1084 4451 Contact Co-Chair for passcode	Kai Thornton kthornton1@smcgov.org (650) 573-5047 *Open opportunity for: Community Co-Chair*
Spirituality Initiative	2nd Tues	12:30-2:00 PM	Meeting ID: 843 6258 7538 Contact Co-Chair for passcode	Lear Blitzstein lblitzstein@smcgov.org *Open opportunity for: Community Co-Chair*