Pictures from the

**Spirituality Initiative**

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March 3rd, 2011
**Spirituality Initiative**

Under the auspices of the Office of Diversity and Equity and San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, the Spirituality Initiative plans and implements its activities in collaboration with county staff, community partners, consumers/clients, faith leaders, family members and others in the community.

**Mission**

To build opportunities for clients/consumers, family members, providers and community members to collaboratively explore, increase awareness of, and support spirituality and its relationship to health and well-being, in particular, for those with and/or at risk of co-occurring alcohol/drug addiction and mental health challenges.

**Vision**

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services fully embraces and integrates spirituality when working together with individuals, families and communities to facilitate one’s wellness and recovery.

**Our Values**

**Hope**

We recognize that hope is the simplest yet most powerful tool in fostering one’s healing.

**Inclusiveness**

We recognize that spirituality is a personal journey and individuals should not be excluded based on their spiritual beliefs and practices.

**Cultural humility**

We recognize that an attitude of respect and openness is necessary in creating a welcoming and inclusive space for everyone.

Questions or comments about the Spirituality Initiative? Please contact:

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**Tonight’s Program**

4:00 - Introduction
William Kruse
Co-Chair, Spirituality Initiative

Welcome
Louise Rogers
Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

4:10 - Meditation Exercise
Joanne Becker, RN, MFT
Chaplain, Mills Peninsula Health Services

4:20 - Introduction to the Spirituality Initiative
Jel Africa
Manager, Office of Diversity and Equity

Mary Taylor Fullerton and Maria Carretero
Spirituality Initiative Data Committee

Jairo Wilches
Co-Chair, Spirituality Initiative

4:45 - Performance By Theus MIME Ministry
D’Angelo Theus and Kameron Theus
Alameda County

5:00 - Personal Stories of Spiritually-based Recovery
Calvin Shelton
Consumer

Kristy Manuel
Family Member

5:20 - Faith-based Speakers
Father Jay Maharaj
Shree Radha Krishna Mandir, San Mateo

Reverend Mary Frazier
Bread of Life Evangelistic Outreach, East Palo Alto

Ismael Ilass
Islamic Networks Group (ING)

5:45 - Closing
Spirituality display and resource tables
Louise Rogers, BHRS Director, opening remarks
Attendees
The group in meditation
Presenters
Father Jay Maharaj addressing the group
Performance by
The MIME Ministry
D'Angelo Theus & Kameron Theus
Alameda County

The MIME Troup performance
Enjoying refreshments
The Spirituality Initiative’s Tree

Participants are invited to write in a leaf what Spirituality means to them and place the leaf on the branches of the tree.
Members of the Initiative’s planning team
Spirituality Initiative Kickoff

March 3, 2011
4 - 6 pm
San Mateo Library Oak Room