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# San Mateo County Health Equity Initiatives

Culture and community affect our health.



We are building a healthcare system that values our different neighborhoods, languages, schools, and families.

**We carry our history in our bodies. How can we not?**

- Nancy Krieger, *Unnatural Causes*

**Health Equity Initiatives (HEIs)** build wellness and peace of mind in San Mateo County communities. HEIs work with community leaders and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) programs to address community-identified needs. Each Initiative meets monthly to discuss, plan, and implement resources, trainings, workshops, and celebrations.

**Diversity and Equity Council (DEC)** provides a platform for HEIs, BHRS staff, and partner agencies to discuss how culture and community impact health through BHRS policies and practices.

### Recent Accomplishments

- Hired bicultural BHRS community outreach workers
- Advocated for San Mateo County Pride Center
- Hosted Black History Month event to build community
- Worked with Philippine Consulate to improve immigrant wellness
- Trained providers to better support Latino clients

**Join us! Help build wellness in your community.**

**All are welcome at HEI & DEC meetings**

# Health Equity Initiative Meeting Details 2019-2020

Please contact co-chairs for most up-to-date information.

Initiative	Day	Time	Location	Co-chairs
<b>African American Community Initiative</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month	10:30am-12:00pm	Silicon Valley Community Foundation: 1300 S El Camino Real, San Mateo	<b>Chyonne Washington</b> <a href="mailto:cwashington@smcgov.org">cwashington@smcgov.org</a> (650) 599-3884 <b>Desirae Miller</b> <a href="mailto:dmiller@smcgov.org">dmiller@smcgov.org</a> (650) 508-6756
<b>Chinese Health Initiative</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Fri. of the month	1:30-3:00pm	San Mateo BHRS: 2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, Room 201, San Mateo <b>OR</b> by phone or Zoom (contact chairs)	<b>Winnie Wu</b> <a href="mailto:wchan@smcgov.org">wchan@smcgov.org</a> (650) 372-6113 <b>Shiyu Zhang</b> <a href="mailto:zhan1502@umn.edu">zhan1502@umn.edu</a>
<b>Diversity and Equity Council</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Fri. of the month	11:00am-12:30pm	Silicon Valley Community Foundation: 1300 S El Camino Real, San Mateo	<b>Brenda Nunez</b> <a href="mailto:brenda.nunez@star-vista.org">brenda.nunez@star-vista.org</a> <b>Daniel Naha-Ve'evalu</b> <a href="mailto:dnaha-veevalu@smcgov.org">dnaha-veevalu@smcgov.org</a> (650) 372-6139 (text or call)
<b>Filipino Mental Health Initiative</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of the month	3:30-5:00pm	Daly City Youth Health Center (DCYHC): 350 90 <sup>th</sup> St., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Daly City	<b>Christi Morales</b> <a href="mailto:fmhismc@gmail.com">fmhismc@gmail.com</a> (650) 489-5046 <b>Stephanie Balon</b> <a href="mailto:fmhismc@gmail.com">fmhismc@gmail.com</a> (650) 387-7142
<b>Latino Collaborative</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues. of the month	3:30-5:00pm	San Mateo BHRS: 2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, Room 201, San Mateo	<b>Frances Lobos</b> <a href="mailto:flobos@smcgov.org">flobos@smcgov.org</a> (650) 372-3272 <b>David Johnson</b> <a href="mailto:djohnson@felton.org">djohnson@felton.org</a> (619) 928-2267 (text or call)
<b>Native and Indigenous Peoples Initiative</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> . Thurs. of the month	8:30–10:00am	SMC BHRS Central Clinic: 1950 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo	<b>Gloria Gutierrez</b> <a href="mailto:ggutierrez@smcgov.org">ggutierrez@smcgov.org</a> (650) 573-2076 <b>Roxana Franco</b> <a href="mailto:rfranco@nuestracasa.org">rfranco@nuestracasa.org</a>
<b>Pacific Islander Initiative</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. of the month	11:00am-1:00pm	Rotating. See facebook.com/piismc	<b>Sue Vuna</b> <a href="mailto:pacificislanderinitiativesmc@gmail.com">pacificislanderinitiativesmc@gmail.com</a> <b>Daniel Naha-Ve'evalu</b> <a href="mailto:dnaha-veevalu@smcgov.org">dnaha-veevalu@smcgov.org</a> (650) 372-6139 (text or call)
<b>PRIDE Initiative</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month (exc. June)	4:30-6:00pm	SMC Pride Center: 1021 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo	<b>Dana Johnson</b> <a href="mailto:theractivist@gmail.com">theractivist@gmail.com</a> <b>Zachary Comtois</b> <a href="mailto:ZComtois@smcgov.org">ZComtois@smcgov.org</a> (650) 867-3008
<b>Spirituality Initiative</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month (exc. Dec.)	12:30-2:00pm	Silicon Valley Community Foundation: 1300 South El Camino Real, Room 112A, San Mateo	<b>Bill Kruse</b> <a href="mailto:bkruse@churchfortoday.net">bkruse@churchfortoday.net</a> <b>Melinda Ricossa</b> <a href="mailto:maparker@smcgov.org">maparker@smcgov.org</a> (650) 372-8573



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