



SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH
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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 2021-2022

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

Initiative	Day	Time	Location	Co-Chairs
African American Community Initiative	2 nd Tues. of the month	10:30am-12:00pm	*Silicon Valley Community Foundation 1300 S El Camino Real, San Mateo	Lee Harrison LeHarrison@smcgov.org (650) 372-6118 Delicia 'Dee' Pennix dpennix@smcgov.org
Chinese Health Initiative	1 st Fri. of the month	1:30-3:00pm	*San Mateo BHRS 2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, Rm.201 San Mateo	Connie Chen cchen2@smcgov.org Tammy Vuong qvuong@smcgov.org (650) 372-6235
Diversity and Equity Council	1 st Fri. of the month	11:00am-12:30pm	*Silicon Valley Community Foundation 1300 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo	Frances Lobos flobos@smcgov.org (650) 372-3272 Brenda Nunez brenda.nunez@star-vista.org (650) 579-0359 ext. 25
Filipino Mental Health Initiative	3 rd Thurs. of the month	5:00-6:30pm	*Daly City Youth Health Center (DCYHC) 90 th St., 3 rd Floor, Daly City	Stephanie Balon fmhismc@gmail.com (650) 387-7142 Christi Morales-Kumasawa fmhismc@gmail.com (650) 489-5046
Latino Collaborative	4 th Tues. of the month	3:30-5:00pm	*San Mateo BHRS 2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, Rm.201 San Mateo	Gloria Cahuich Gonzalez gcgonzalez@smcgov.org (650) 573-3665 Pati Ramirez pati@alasdreams.com
Native and Indigenous Peoples Initiative	3 rd Thurs. of the month	8:30-10:00am	*San Mateo BHRS Central Clinic 1950 Alameda de las Pulgas San Mateo	Gloria Gutierrez ggutierrez@smcgov.org (650) 573-2076 Silvia Salcedo SiSalcedo@smcgov.org (650) 464-8966
Pacific Islander Initiative	1 st Fri. of the month	11:00am-1:00pm	*See facebook.com/piismc	Brittany Tonga bafu@pcrcweb.org Luci Latu LLatu@smcgov.org (650) 573-3702
Pride Initiative	2 nd Wed. of the month	4:30-6:00pm	*SMC Pride Center 1021 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo	Scott Gruendl sgruendl@smcgov.org Dana Johnson theractivist@gmail.com
Spirituality Initiative	2 nd Tues. of the month	12:30-2:00pm	*Silicon Valley Community Foundation 1300 S El Camino Real, Rm. 112A San Mateo	Isaac Frederick ifrederick@smcgov.org (650) 802-3351 Pam Ward wpam3238@gmail.com



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More information available at www.smchealth.org/he

* During COVID-19 Pandemic all meetings held via Zoom (see below)

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SMC BHRS Health Equity Initiative (HEI) Zoom Meeting Schedule & Details

African American Community Initiative	2nd Tues. of the month 10:30am-12:00pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86588137242 Meeting ID: 865 8813 7242 Passcode: <i>Please contact co-chair for meeting password</i>
Chinese Health Initiative	1st Fri. of the month 1:30pm-3:00pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87537382721 Meeting ID: 875 3738 2721 Passcode: <i>Please contact co-chair for meeting password</i>
Diversity & Equity Council	1st Fri. of the month 11:00am-12:30pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84044895737 Meeting ID: 840 4489 5737 Passcode: <i>Please contact co-chair for meeting password</i>
Filipino Mental Health Initiative	3rd Thurs. of the month 5pm-6:30pm https://paloalto.zoom.us/j/95825097637pwd=MlBYQ0R5c2hJbnBxMzFZUWtZcU92Zz09 Meeting ID: 958 2509 7637 <i>Dial in by phone & Passcodes: Please contact co-chair for additional information</i>
Latino Collaborative	4th Tues. of the month 3:30pm-5:00pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87371848345 Meeting ID: 873 7184 8345 Passcode: <i>Please contact co-chair for meeting password</i>
Native & Indigenous Peoples Initiative	3rd. Thurs. of the month 8:30am-10:00am https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85875160869 Meeting ID: 858 7516 0869 Passcode: <i>Please contact co-chair for meeting password</i>
Pacific Islander Initiative	1st Tues. of the month - 11:00am-1:00pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86799686355 Meeting ID: 867 9968 6355 Passcode: <i>Please contact co-chair for meeting password</i>
PRIDE Initiative	2nd Wed. of the month 4:30pm-6:00pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81510844451 Meeting ID: 815 1084 4451 Passcode: <i>Please contact co-chair for meeting password</i>
Spirituality Initiative	2nd Tues. of the month 12:30pm-2:00pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84362587538 Meeting ID: 843 6258 7538 Passcode: <i>Please contact co-chair for meeting password</i>