

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 2020-2021

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 Pam Ward wpam3238@gmail.com
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
Filipino Mental Health Initiative	3 rd Thurs. of the month	3:30-5:00pm	*Daly City Youth Health Center (DCYHC) 350 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	David Johnson davidj@caminocounselingcollab.com (619) 928-2267 (text or call) Ana Maria Palma Martinez apmartinez@smcgov.org
Native and Indigenous Peoples Initiative	3 rd . Thurs. of the month	8:30–10:00am	*SMC BHRS Central Clinic: 1950 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo	Gloria Gutierrez ggutierrez@smcgov.org (650) 573-2076 Roxana Franco rfranco@nuestracasa.org
Pacific Islander Initiative	1 st Tues of the month	11:00am-1:00pm	*Rotating. See facebook.com/piismc	Ana Fa afa@pcrcweb.org Luci Latu LLatu@smcgov.org (650) 573-3702
Pride Initiative	2 nd Wed. of the month (exc. June)	4:30-6:00pm	*SMC Pride Center: 1021 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo	Zachary Comtois ZComtois@smcgov.org (650) 867-3008 Dana Johnson theractivist@gmail.com
Spirituality Initiative	2 nd Tues.of the month (exc. Dec.)	12:30-2:00pm	*Silicon Valley Community Foundation: 1300 South El Camino Real, Room 112A, San Mateo	Isaac Frederick ifrederick@smcgov.org 650-802-3351 Melinda Ricossa mricossa@smcgov.org (650) 372-8573



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

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/953843834 Meeting ID: 953 843 834 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/84178101540 Meeting ID: 841 7810 1540 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/82308801376 Meeting ID: 823 088 1376 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=MlBYQ0R5czhJbnBxMzFZUWtZcU92Zz09 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/964067192 Meeting ID: 964 067 192 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/84443157442 Meeting ID: 844 4315 7442 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/814908106 Meeting ID: 814 908 106 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/284596014 Meeting ID: 284 596 014 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/84355692513 Meeting ID: 843 5569 2513 Passcode: <i>Please contact co-chair for meeting password</i>