

## Sharing Challenges & Opportunities: Implementing Racial Equity in County Health Web Forum #2

September 10, 2020 | 10am-12pm

\*Being Recorded\*

Opening Poll: Who is in the web forum

today?

Darryl Lampkin
Community Program Supervisor
STD/HIV Program





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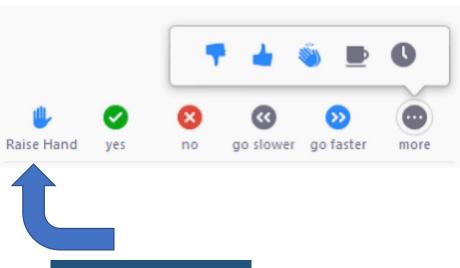
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### Zoom Housekeeping:

- For tech-related questions, please send a message via the Zoom chat box to Kathy Harnack
- Rename your zoom name to include preferred pronouns
   (3 dots on top right rename)
- Participants will be muted except during small group breakouts
- Polls are anonymous & results shared immediately
- To be unmuted and ask a question during Q/A:
  - Use "Raise Hand" button (click on participants button on bottom of toolbar to access this button)
  - Press \*9 to raise hand for phone
  - Use \*6 to unmute (for phone only)
- Can chat questions into chat box
- There will be a specific time held for those joining by phone to ask questions\*
- The recording will be made available



















# Thank you to the Web Forum Dream Team Behind the Scenes

Cassius Lockett, Rosa Torpis, Justin Watkins, Belén Seara, Kathy Harnack, Juvy Ann Reyes, & Srija Srinivasan

## Goals and Expectations

#### Goal:

Deepen our understanding of the key gaps, opportunities, and priority areas for advancing racial equity in County Health

#### **Objectives:**

Share participant reflections and findings from July 15-Forum #1 and post event survey

Engage in small group dialogue on how racial equity issues impact our work and identify key racial equity priorities for staff and partnering colleagues

Identify next steps toward meaningful action

## Agenda

- Welcome Overview Housekeeping Darryl Lampkin (15 mins)
- Opening Remarks Louise Rogers (5 min)
- Summarizing our Learnings Erika Rincón (10 mins)
- Small Group Breakout Discussions (45 mins)

Break (5 min.)

- Large Group Discussion (15 mins)
- **Next Steps** Shireen Malekafzali, Senior Manager for Policy, Planning, and Equity, HPP (10 mins)
- Wellness Component Cindy Donis, Mental Health Program Specialist, NMT Program (10 mins)
- **Closing** Maria Lorente Foresti, Director Office of Diversity and Equity, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (5 min.)

### Framing - Here is what I know...

History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, And if faced with courage, need not be lived again. Maya Angelou

- These forums are not sufficient to build trust, but they open the door to deeper conversations
- Create space for participants to express what you need, right where you are, to play a more effective role in advancing racial equity efforts
- Identify priorities that will inform a plan for forward movement on racial equity in County Health
- Identify specific individual and collective action steps
- Provide next steps for continued engagement

# **Poll #2:** Pre-Survey on engagement & support

- How often do you discuss racial equity at work?
- Do you have ideas for how you would like your work to look different to advance racial equity?
- Do you know what County Health resources or networks to connect to, to share your ideas and get involved in advancing racial equity?
- How supported do you feel by your Supervisor or Manager to share your ideas or challenges on racial equity at work?
- What is the biggest barrier to engage and advance racial equity in your role?

## Group Agreements from Cultural Humility

- Listen as if the speaker is wise; Listen to understand
- Practice "I" statements when speaking
- Okay to respectfully disagree
- Take risks
- No pressure to speak
- Be disciplined about not making assumptions
- No blaming, no shaming
- Confidentiality, if stories are shared
- Courage to interrupt if something is going amiss or being left unsaid: Make the invisible visible

REHAVIORAL HEAL

- Voices, thoughts, ideas, experiences welcome
- Pay attention to what moves you: use oops and ouch

### WELCOME

Louise F. Rogers, Chief San Mateo County Health



# Summarizing Our Learnings

Erika Rincón, Community Health Planner, Health, Policy and Planning Program



# Methodology: Feedback from Staff Survey and July 15<sup>th</sup> Small Group Discussions

- Overview/Findings document emailed with more details
- 211 survey respondents; 65% did not attend the July 15<sup>th</sup> event; 272 participants at July 15<sup>th</sup> web forum #1.
- Survey was anonymous
- Data reviewed for themes within questions and across questions
- Respondents' exact wording used as much as possible when emblematic of key themes identified

#### • Limitations:

- Anonymity doesn't allow for breakdown of differences in responses by demographics
- Qualitative data requires interpretation of the data into themes.

# Feedback to Date – Themes from Staff Survey & July 15<sup>th</sup> Small Group Discussions

# 1. Normalize conversation on racial equity

#### What's working:

- County Health system is committed
- There are existing resources to expand racial equity work

#### What's needed:

• Provide more training, support, and spaces for staff to engage in difficult conversations

# 2. Advance systems and policy changes

#### What's working:

• Committed and diverse workforce; and an existing infrastructure to create actionable policies and plans.

#### What's needed:

- Apply racial equity tools and practices to hiring, contracts, and allocation of resources
- Create clear goals and metrics to track progress
- Integrate social determinants of health in our work

# Feedback to Date – Themes from Staff Survey & July 15<sup>th</sup> Small Group Discussions cont.

# 3. Improve safety and promote transparency and accountability

#### What's working:

• County Health leadership and initiatives like ODE where community voices and clients inform our work

#### What's needed:

- Create more opportunities for staff to speak freely and safely about racial equity, including sharing feedback on County efforts
- Incorporate the voices of communities and clients in all County Health work

# 4. Integrate racial equity in current workloads and work culture

#### What's working:

• GARE provides opportunity for this work to advance

#### What's needed:

- Enable and encourage staff to allocate paid time to racial equity work
- Create a culture of expectations to actively work towards racial equity

# Q/A on Findings

## Breakouts: Facilitated Small Group Discussion

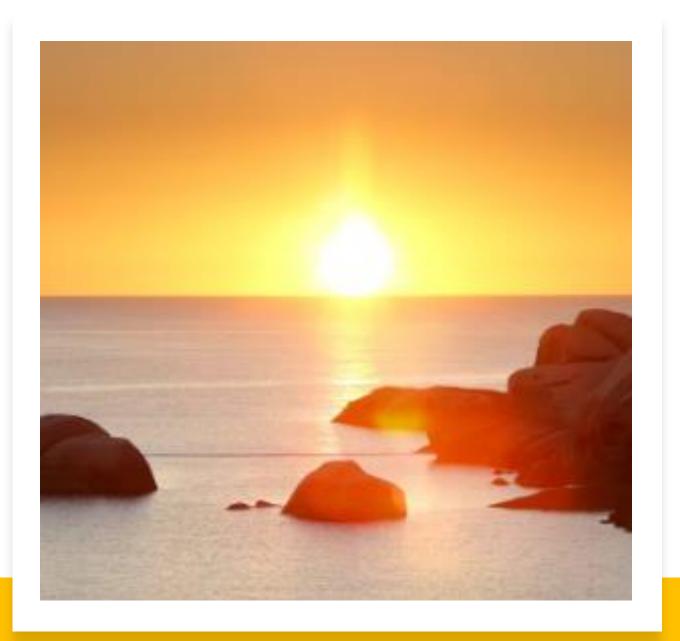
**Purpose:** Staff have a forum to connect with one another to discuss racial equity issues and share their feedback/thoughts on how our work could better advance racial equity, including action steps to prioritize going forward.

#### Before we begin:

- Please reference the cultural humility agreements (will be posted in the chat box)
- All participants will introduce themselves
- Keep yourself on mute when you aren't speaking
- Your facilitator will guide you through the discussion questions (they will also be posted in the chat box)
- Zoom host will activate the breakout groups

# Please Join Your Small Group Breakout

Click the "join" button when it pops up or click "Breakouts" tab on the Zoom toolbar



#### BREAK – 5 mins

We need to pause – breath –stretch – journal.





# Next Steps + Getting Involved

Shireen Malekafzali, Senior Manager for Policy, Planning, and Equity, Health, Policy and Planning Program



Next Steps



## Getting Involved

Collective Capacity
Building

Racial Equity 101 Trainings for All County Health Staff

Collective Capacity
Building

Offer Racial Equity 101 Trainings for Health Boards/Commissions & Advisory Groups (email: smalekafzali@smcgov.org)

Individual Capacity
Building

Review resource list of videos, clips, readings and more

Collective Engagement in Action

Join a GARE Team Committee (share chair emails)

Individual Engagement in Action

Identify racial equity actions within your work/program and work within your supervisory structure to advance

#### Race Forward Lead: Maria Lorente-Foresti, Ph.D.

#### **SMC GARE Structure**



# Capacity Building

Darryl Lampkin: Dlampkin@smcgov .org

Members: Maria, Sara, Akram, Don, Erica, Jim

Trainings
Capacity building
opportunities



# Policy & Operations

Gladys Balmas: Gbalmas@smcgov.org

Members: Sujatha, Tania, Katia, Shireen, Lalitha

Language Access Policy
Updates
Anchor Institution



#### **Data**

Don Orr:
Dorr@smcgov.org

Members: Sara, Lalitha, Don, Erica

Standard Work to request Data Files

Analysis



# Communication & Recruitments

Tania Perez: TSPerez@smcgov.org

Members: Sujatha, Gladys, Sara, Darryl, Maria

Resources (GARE & Other)



### Intro Cohort

Frances Lobos: Flobos@smcgov. org

Members: Don,, Katia, Lusette, Tania, Erica,

**REAP updates** 

## Follow up from Forum

- Evaluation survey
- Recording and summary of small group breakout notes
- Respond to unanswered chat questions
- Take information back
- Racial Equity 101 trainings for County Health staff

# Closing

Maria Lorente Foresti, Director Office of Diversity and Equity Behavioral Health and Recovery Services



## Wellness

Cindy Donis, Mental Health Program Specialist, NMT Program



# Thank you to our amazing breakout facilitators!

**Donald Orr** Priscilla Romero Veronica Landa Jenny Brooks Frances Lobos Maria Lorente Foresti Belén Seara Sujatha Ganesh Tadimeti Jim Rutherford **Justin Watkins** Lucinda Dei Rossi **Gladys Balmas** 

Trish Erwin

Darryl Lampkin

Ziomara Ochoa

Shea Gerlinger

Jyotsna Nimkar

Angie Cavazos

Nicole Fernandez

Shireen Malekafzali

For questions, comments or feedback: <a href="https://example.com/html/>
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## THANK YOU

Next Steps:

Share Recording
 Share out summary of discussion notes
 Send out an evaluation survey
 Respond to chat questions