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## News and Resources from Health Equity Initiative!



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are pleased to present you with [Health Equity Initiative's](#) Spring 2023 Newsletter and hope the resources included here will be useful to your work to advance health, racial, and social equity.

Never as in this moment, we need to continue to advocate in our organizations, communities, and networks about the importance of achieving equity in health for all. As a member-driven organization, which this Fall will be marking 12 years of advocacy, education, capacity and community building in support of health equity, we believe that we are always stronger together in our quest for equity and social justice. We invite you to [join us as HEI members](#), and are pleased to feature here some of our new members.

Thank you for being part of our community and following our work.

With best wishes,

[Renata Schiavo, PhD, MA, CCL](#),

Founder and Board President, Board of Directors

On behalf of everyone in our [HEI Board of Directors](#)

## A Warm Welcome to Our New HEI Members!



**Mia Johnson-Turner** says "I am the National Community Outreach Manager for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Myeloma Link program. I establish national community partnerships and manage LLS' efforts to serve and support historically underserved populations. Through Myeloma Link, we help patients and community members enhance their knowledge about blood cancers, cancer racial disparities, and clinical trials, among other topics. I joined HEI because I believe that my contributions to the organization

would be beneficial to the conversations we are having surrounding health equity."

**Asha Mattai** says, "I am an NBHWC Certified Health Coach and Curriculum Developer. I interned with HEI back in 2012 after graduating from Rutgers University and am glad to come back as a member. Parts of my current and previous work experience include reviewing and addressing the social determinants of health from a coaching and educational perspective. I look forward to connecting with the HEI community!"




**Florence Awde** says, "After completing my Bachelor's degree at St. Thomas University, I decided to pursue a Master of Advanced Studies at Arizona State University's School of Transborder Studies. I joined HEI because I am passionate about childhood health inequities, specifically in border communities and Latino populations. I am starting my next degree in Public Health in the fall at Johns Hopkins University."

## Community Leaders Forums: Recent Recordings, Reports and Upcoming Forums

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**Youth Engagement and Health Equity: Lessons Learned and Community-Driven Strategies**



Community Leaders Forum:  
Report and Call to Action

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**Racial Healing and Health Equity: Promising Policies and Community-Driven Interventions (Part 2)**

To listen to the recording of the

report and call to action and/or to learn about our other community leaders forums click [here](#) or go to our [Reports](#) page for the report only. Available soon on our Reports page.

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Community Leaders Forums aim to capture local, national, and global perspectives in the words of community leaders and their organizations. The report and call to action includes a summary of the discussion from the Forum and highlights specific recommendations for policy change and community-driven interventions as grounded in the experience of the community leaders who participated.



**We are grateful to Macy's Inc.** for their generous support and partnership on our *Community Leaders Forums* initiative, which aligns with Health Equity Initiative's commitment to equitable community systems and to raising the influence of community voices on health, racial, and social equity issues. A heartfelt thank you to all of you at [Macy's!](#)

## Save the Date and Apply for Our Advocacy Training!

### Advocacy Training



With the generous support of [Macy's Inc.](#), Health Equity Initiative is holding an interactive training webinar for community leaders and CBOs to strengthen advocacy and policy communication skills and increase the reach of community-driven solutions in policy and institutional settings in support of health equity. This event will take place on **May 17th, 2023 from 9am-11am EST** on Zoom. Please visit this [form](#) to learn more and apply to participate. Space is limited to a maximum of 25 community leaders.

## From our *Health Equity Blog*



### National Minority Health Month: April 2023

April was National Minority Health Month. Visit this blog post to learn about this year's theme, and visit the various OMH and HEI resources related to the topic. Read more [here](#).

## Belonging in the Clinical Setting



This blog post discusses the importance of fostering a sense of belonging amongst patients, caregivers, and employees in all clinical settings. Read further to learn more about why belonging matters and practices that can advance belonging in these settings. Click [here](#) to visit the post.

## National Day of Racial Healing Today!



This blog post raised awareness for the National Day of Racial Healing and provided links to HEI resources in order to learn more about the importance of racial healing and to promote racial healing in one's community. The post also promoted action steps to take to commit to racial healing individually, such as through signing the ["Racism Is A Health Equity Issue"](#) pledge. Read more [here](#).

## Meet HEI's Freelance Project Coordinator!



Paige Hammond joined Health Equity Initiative as Freelance Project Coordinator in June 2022. She will graduate from The College of New Jersey this spring with a B.S. in Public Health and a B.A. in Communication Studies. She wishes to improve health outcomes in her future career, and pursue a Master's degree in Public Health.

## Conferences from our Network!

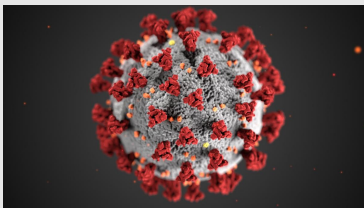


June 14th-16th 2023: The Ketchikan Wellness Coalition, [E3 Health Summit](#) in Ketchikan, AK

**May 16th-18th 2023: American Hospital Association, [Accelerating Health Equity Conference](#) in Minneapolis, MN**

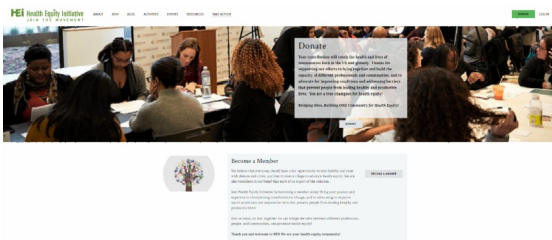
## Resources from Our Network on Health Equity (on COVID-19 and beyond)

- **American Hospital Association: [Social Determinants of Health](#)**
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): [Conversations in Equity Posts](#)**
- **Kaiser Family Foundation: [Will Long COVID Exacerbate Existing Disparities in Health and Employment?](#)**
- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): [National Minority Health Month \(April 2023\)](#)**



Please also visit our [COVID-19 and Health Equity Resources](#) page. We update this page regularly with resources and readings that point to the importance of keeping health equity on the table during the COVID-19 response and recovery.

## Take Action!



There are many ways to get involved with Health Equity Initiative. Learn about how you can [take action](#) and support health equity!

[Become a Member](#)[Donate](#)



## About Health Equity Initiative

Health Equity Initiative (HEI) is a member-driven membership organization dedicated to building and sustaining a global community that engages across sectors and disciplines to advance health equity. By bringing together and enlisting the efforts of the public and private sectors, professions and communities that have both a stake and an influence on social determinants of health, HEI advocates for improving conditions and achieving equity in health for all. We focus on championing transformative change, supporting knowledge, engaging communities and leaders, and building capacity across sectors and disciplines to address barriers that prevent people from leading healthy and productive lives.

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