



SMC Pride Center Updates

July 2021

Administration Updates:

- We're kicking off our annual community feedback month, and the Pride Center is reaching out to hear what you have to say. What has your experience with the center been like for you? Have you participated in any of our services, events, workshops, or groups? We invite you to please take 5-7 minutes to fill out our **community feedback survey**: <https://bit.ly/pride-center-eval2021>. All responses are anonymous. Please be sure to fill yours in by **Friday, July 30**.

Throughout July, we will also be hosting a series of **interviews and focus groups** to get more in-depth feedback from folks. If you are interested in participating in either an interview or focus group, please indicate so on your survey response and reach out to Alex Golding (he/him) at Alex.Golding@sanmateopride.org or 650-465-6795.

All focus group and interview participants will receive a gift card to show our appreciation for your time and thoughts. Thanks so much!

- We are recruiting for new Community Advisory Board Members! **The Community Advisory Board (CAB)** is a diverse and representative group of volunteer members who have a passion for serving LGBTQ+ community. Members of the board will meet monthly and work together to guide Pride Center program design and implementation. We ask that CAB members contribute 4-6 hours of service per month to the Pride Center, which includes attending monthly board meetings for a term of 1-3 years. For more information you can watch [this video](#) and contact Frankie Sapp, Program Director, francisco.sapp@sanmateopride.org.
- **Best Practices for SOGIE Data Collection is here!** Are you planning on creating a survey? The Pride Center, in collaboration with Albert Schweitzer Bay Area Fellowship recipient and second year Stanford Medical student, Ada Zhang (They/Them), has created a best practices document with suggestions & considerations for conducting informed, community-oriented surveys. Of course, the Pride Center remains an ongoing resource, but this [Best Practices Document](#) is a great starting point!
- We are hiring! Come be a part of the of the magic of the Pride Center. We are currently seeking a **Bilingual Spanish Speaking Mental Health Clinician** to add to our highly skilled clinical team. We proudly offer a full benefits package (medical, dental, & vision), vacation, sick time, and mental health days. Oops! We forgot to mention the boss bakes for your birthday! For more information, please visit [this link](#).

Special Programming:

The Pride Center team will be focusing on rest and recovery after a busy and successful Pride month! While there won't be any special programs for the month of July, we continue to offer our regular schedule of exercise classes, social clubs, and peer support groups.

Our monthly “**Trans Talks**” will take place on Thursday, July 22, from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. To register, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/transtalk07-22>.

- If you'd like to read the **PFS Older Adult** eblast with a comprehensive list of their July Programming, please see [this link](#).
- If you'd like to see a comprehensive list of our **peer support groups**, please see this link: sanmateopride.org/programs/peer-groups/

Can we consider co-sponsoring the following event by the Stonewall Democrats: "Preserve Lives of Transgender Women of Color: Reducing the Stigma Surrounding Relationships with Trans Women of Color." This event will take place on Zoom on Wednesday, July 21, from 6:30p-7:30p PST (RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/StonewallTWOCPanel>). Additional details about the event are below. Being a co-sponsor would entail advertising the event with our network. We would also be listed as a co-sponsor on the flyer (see attached).

Thank you,
Chris

Panel Topic

As members of our club and many transwomen throughout the country have experienced, there is often substantial stigma and judgment surrounding relationships involving transwomen of color, especially as it concerns male attraction to transwomen of color. Unfortunately, the general public often shames individuals for being attracted to, dating, or otherwise forming personal or sexual relationships with transwomen of color. This stigma is harmful in many ways, including leading to disproportionate rates of violence against transwomen of color.

Our panel will aim to illuminate the ways in which this stigma is misguided and harmful. Our diverse set of panelists includes transwomen of color and their partners, who will share their personal experiences, as well as experts in the field. Panelists will discuss how transwomen of color can and do have open, loving relationships; the root causes and negative effects of this stigma; and how we might eliminate the stigma, including policy choices that might help protect transwomen of color. The ultimate goal of the panel is to raise empathy and awareness and to decrease the stigma and resulting violence surrounding such relationships.

SAN MATEO COUNTY STONEWALL DEMOCRATS PRESENTS:

PRESERVE LIVES OF TRANSGENDER WOMEN OF COLOR

Reducing the Stigma
Surrounding Relationships
with Trans Women of Color

July 21, 2021
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM PST
RSVP for Zoom Link
tinyurl.com/StonewallTWOCPanel

Co-Sponsored by:



For questions, email smcstonewalldemocrats@gmail.com

To: LGBTQ Commission of San Mateo County
From: Tanya Beat, Director
Date: July 6, 2021
Subject: Status of recent events/projects

County COVID Update

- Commission meetings in-person will resume starting October 1.
- Do you want to resume them at the Pride Center? If so, we need to request access and make arrangements with staff for open/close.

Co-Sponsorship of Preserve Lives of Transgender Women of Color

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Santa Clara County Office of LGBTQ+ Affairs

- Tuesday, July 20 from 6:00-7:30pm
- Attendance of Commissioners
- Please review their website to learn more about their programs.
<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/lgbtq/Our-work/programs/Pages/home.aspx>

LGBTQ Commission Retreat

- Dana and Giuliana will work on vision, purpose, outcomes
- Tanya will work on logistics
- Possible Saturdays in September, October