Mental Health in Communities of Color: Economic Implications and Policy Solutions
May 26, 2021 | 10:00 am – 11:15 am
A Virtual Gathering

DESCRIPTION:
The Federal Reserve Bank of New York in partnership with Comunilife, Inc. will host a policy forum to discuss the pandemic’s impact on mental health status in communities of color. The virtual event will discuss the correlation between depression and anxiety, lost income, small business, and other economic implications. Mental health experts, community development practitioners and researchers will put forth policy solutions focused on health equity.

10:00AM  WELCOME
Theresa Torres, chief diversity officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York

10:05AM  PRESENTATIONS
Impact of the Pandemic on Households’ Happiness
Olivier Armantier, assistant vice president and research economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York

The Implications of COVID-19 for Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Nirmita Panchal, senior policy analyst at the Kaiser Family Foundation

10:25AM  PANEL DISCUSSION
The Impacts of COVID-19 on Mental Health in Communities of Color and Policy Implications
Ann Marie T. Sullivan, M.D., New York State Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health

Sherry Glied, Ph.D., dean of the Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University

Adam Brown, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology (Clinical) and vice provost for research at The New School

Alfiee Breland-Noble, M.D., author and founder of the AAKOMA Project

Moderator
Rosa M. Gil, M.D., founder, president & CEO of Comunilife, Inc. and deputy chair of the New York Fed’s Board of Directors

11:10AM  CLOSING
David J. Erickson, senior vice president and head of Outreach & Education at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York

11:15AM  EVENT CONCLUDES