

# Mental Health in Communities of Color: Economic Implications and Policy Solutions

May 26, 2021 | 10:00 am – 11:15 am

A Virtual Gathering

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## 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**