Talks, film part of National Public Health Week celebration

In the midst of the most challenging public health crisis of our lifetimes, it is more important than ever to celebrate public health. This National Public Health Week, April 5-11, 2021, join the Pima County Health Department in celebrating and acknowledging the public health workers right here in our communities and across the nation.

During the first full week of April each year, the American Public Health Association brings together communities across the United States to observe National Public Health Week as a time to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving our nation's health.

Even though we won’t be able to gather in person this year, we will use virtual platforms to bring an entire week of presentations and discussions that will highlight the many ways public health is making communities safer and healthier right here in Pima County. Find the links to join the presentations within each event description.

**Monday, April 5: Strengthening Community**

9:30-10 a.m.: “Kick-Off NPHW” with Dr. Terry Cullen and special guests – MS Teams

- Kicking off National Public Health Week with all staff from our Health Department director, County administration, and other leadership.

10:30-11 a.m.: PCHD Spotlight: “Kitchen Nightmares” with Amanda Anderson – MS Teams

- Learn about how public health ensures safe community dining and helps food operators across the County turn kitchen nightmares into safe, happy dining experiences.

2-3 p.m.: Film Viewing: “Bending the Arc” Part 1

- “Bending the Arc” is a 2017 documentary film. It tells the story of Partners in Health and doctors and humanitarians, Jim Yong Kim, Ophelia Dahl, and Paul Farmer, who are devoted to providing innovative health care in impoverished nations.

**Tuesday, April 6: Galvanizing Climate Justice**

11-11:30 a.m.: PCHD Spotlight: “Being Green” with Julie Kudrna

- Tips and tricks you can use to reduce your carbon footprint and learn about PCHD’s very own Green Team.

12:30-1:30 p.m.: “Environmentally You” with Skye Siegel, Pima County Department of Environmental Quality
• Climate Justice is a situation that affects us all. Come join Skye Siegel from Pima County Department of Environmental Quality to learn more about this important topic.

2-3 p.m.: Film Viewing: “Bending the Arc” Part 2

• Catch Part 2 of “Bending the Arc,” the 2017 documentary film that tells the story of Partners in Health and doctors and humanitarians, Jim Yong Kim, Ophelia Dahl, and Paul Farmer, who are devoted to providing innovative health care in impoverished nations.”

Wednesday, April 7: Uplifting Mental Health and Wellness

9-9:30 a.m.: “Rethinking Justice” with Kate Vesely, Pima County Justice Reform Initiatives

• Hear from the experts about current criminal justice reform efforts in Pima County aimed at safely reducing jail population and improving outcomes for justice involved individuals.

3-4 p.m.: PCHD Spotlight: “Stress Management” with Raul Munoz

• Explore methods for achieving a better balance in managing the conflicting demands of our lives.

Thursday, April 8: Elevating the Essential and Health Workforce

11:30 a.m.-noon: PCHD Spotlight: “Strategically Speaking” with Alan Bergen

• Revision and renewal of Pima County Health Department’s strategic plan is on the horizon. Join us to learn about how the roadmap to a healthier Pima County will be shaped.

1-2 p.m.: Partners In Health “Bending the Arc” Panel Discussion

• Discussion panel featuring Dr. Paul Farmer. Panelists from across the County will discuss the film and how public health remains at the forefront of the effort to improve health equity and justice.

2-2:30 p.m.: PCHD Spotlight: “Improving Public Health through Bicycling: Work In-Progress with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe” with Elaine Mariolle

• Learn how collaboration, partnership, and pedal power have expanded bike safety education and training with Pascua Yaqui Tribe.

Friday, April 9: Advancing Racial Equity
9-9:30 am: “Addressing Racial Disparities in the Justice System” with Amanda Bankston, Pima County Justice Reform Initiatives

- Addressing race and ethnic disparities in the criminal justice system and engaging the community in meaningful conversation for reform.

10:30-11 a.m.: PCHD Spotlight: “What is MC3?” with Jess Seline

- Learn about efforts to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in Communities of Color Program.