

Nineequa Blanding is Vice President, Health at Social Impact Exchange. In this role, she will lead a national network of funders and nonprofit leaders to help build the field of equitable systems transformation in the Health and Wellness sector.

Nineequa is a visionary and facilitative leader who has dedicated the entirety of her career toward working at the intersection of health and social justice. She brings nearly two decades of significant, progressive, nonprofit leadership experience where she served at the helm of several local, statewide, and national collaborative efforts to build long-lasting systemic change within healthcare, public health departments, local and state government, philanthropy, and nonprofits. Prior to joining SIE, she was senior editor at NPQ, where she authored several thought leadership publications on health equity and systems transformation. She also served as vice president of Health Resources in Action, where she led the direction and growth of the organization's grantmaking services—a \$50M portfolio geared toward advancing innovations in biomedical research and community health. Nineequa was the director of health and wellness at the Boston Foundation. In this role she applied a racial equity lens to design and lead various cross-sector initiatives, such as Health Starts at Home, to build collective impact towards creating conditions to support population health. Prior to her work at TBF, Nineequa held senior leadership positions at the Boston Public Health Commission, where she led CDC-funded city-wide strategies to advance health equity. She also held former roles with Mount Sinai School of Medicine and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Nineequa currently co-chairs the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health's Prevention Research Center Community Advisory Board. She has a BA in psychology from Spelman College, and an MPH with honors from Long Island University, and she was previously funded by the National Institutes of Health to conduct post-baccalaureate research in trauma-related risk factors for post-traumatic stress disorder at Emory University and the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience at Duke University.