



The State of Washington
COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS
Improving the lives of Asian Pacific Americans

Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Board Meeting
Clark College, Gaiser Hall 213
1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA 98663
Saturday, September 17, 2016

Regular Business

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

Welcome and introductions were given. Meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Ty Tufono, Lisa Dickinson, Zer Vue, Lakshmi Gaur, Mohan Gurung, Lynette Finau, Darren Pen, Lori Wada, Nam Nguyen, Roslyn Leon Guerrero

Commissioners Absent: Ka`imi Sinclair, Tam Dinh

Staff: Executive Director, Michael Itti, Project Coordinator, Brianne Ramos

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made at 9:12 a.m. by Commissioner Wada to approve the agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Pen. With no further changes, the agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 19, 2016 MINUTES

Motion was made at 9:13 a.m. by Commissioner Dickinson to approve the March 19, 2016 meeting minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Vue. With no further changes, the minutes were unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Itti provided the Director's Report overview including an update on the Commission's financial report, legislative session, agency outreach, community events, and issue areas. View the full report here: www.capaa.wa.gov/executive-directors-report-for-september-17-2016/.

POLICY MANUAL UPDATES

Chair Tufono made a motion to update the names reflected in the Commission's Administrative Policies and was seconded by Commissioner Wada with an amendment to include the Chair. With no further amendments, the policy was unanimously approved.

1st Vice Chair Dickinson made a motion to approve the Project Proposal Policy for internal Commission projects and was seconded by Commissioner Wada with an amendment to change 2.30 to 2.40 in section 2.50. With no further amendments, the policy was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Wada made a motion to approve the policy on “Building a Modern Work Environment” and was seconded by Vice Chair Vue. With no amendments, the policy was unanimously approved.

2nd Vice Chair Vue made a motion to approve the policy on Board Elections and was approved by 1st Vice Chair Dickinson with an amendment to change the language from “with no limit on terms served” to “with no term limit.” With no further amendments, the policy was unanimously approved.

1st Vice Chair Dickinson made a motion to change the cost of providing copies of public records requests from twenty-five cents to fifteen cents. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pen. With no amendments, the update was unanimously approved.

1st Vice Chair Dickinson made a motion to change the language in the Administrative Policy from “Asian Pacific American community” to Asian Pacific American communities”. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guerrero. With no amendments, the update was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Commissioner Gaur nominated Commissioner Tufono for Chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Finau and was unanimously approved with no other nominations.

Commissioner Vue nominated Commissioner Dickinson for 1st Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Pen and was unanimously approved with no other nominations.

Commissioner Wada nominated Commissioner Vue for 2nd Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Finau and was unanimously approved with no other nominations.

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT SERVICES DIRECTORS’ COUNCIL

Felisciana Peralta, Multicultural Retention Manager, Clark College

Eileen Yoshina, Director of Diversity & Equity, South Puget Sound Community College

- Introductions
- Background of Multicultural Student Services Directors’ Council
- Issue: Not getting consistent data from all community and technical colleges to see how students are progressing.
- The Council is expecting a change in data collecting practices starting in 2020 which will mean more uniformity among community colleges
 - One goal is to collect information from colleges about outreach efforts, identity, and resources given to API students

ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY FOR COFA ISLANDERS

David Anitok, Board Member, COFA Alliance National Network

Loyd Henion, Board Member, COFA Alliance National Network

- Background and History of COFA
 - Special treaty with the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia
 - Welfare Reform Act in 1996 excluded COFA migrants from receiving Medicaid and other federal programs
- Background of CANN

- Board members are from the Micronesian community based in Salem and the organization is culture-driven
- Advocated for Governor to declare the 3rd week in August as Micronesian Day in Oregon
- Efforts are focused on how to change policies for people specifically from COFA nations
- CANN has done advocacy work for the last three years
- CANN has three major legislative achievements regarding driver's licenses and access to healthcare
- CANN's work:
 - Passed healthcare bill that provides premium assistance program in 2016
 - \$9 (federal) to every \$1(state) match from federal government through Affordable Care Act
 - Starting in 2016, COFA Islanders can start enrolling – have community navigators/ambassadors to share information about how to enroll for program
 - Program costs the state \$1.8 million
- Loyd Henion – how to help communities in Washington
 - Background of how he became involved with the COFA community in Oregon
 - Ways to help COFA communities in Washington access healthcare
 - Encourage the Commission to partner with National Association of Atomic Veterans (chapter in Bremerton)
 - Issue: COFA islanders cannot serve as law enforcement officers
- Implementation of HB 4071 (Oregon):
 - Eligible recipients must submit receipts each month for reimbursement
 - Department of Consumer and Business Services in Oregon is administering the premium assistance program
 - Have four community navigators helping people enroll for health insurance
 - Next step is looking at policy changes to include dental coverage – they will be conducting a study next year to explore legislative

KE KUKUI FOUNDATION

Mari Helenihi, President, Ke Kukui Foundation

History of Hawaiians in the PNW

- Hawaiians settled in Washington during the late 1830s
- There are places in Oregon and Washington that are named after places in Hawaii

Ke Kukui Foundation

- Organize and host the 3 Days of Aloha in the PNW Festival and over 10,000 people attend each year
- Programs: Cultural workshops, Ke Kukui Foundation garden, hula classes, etc.

CAPAA UPDATE ON HEALTH EQUITY EFFORTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Douglas Uy – Chemical Dependency Unit

- Teresa Lavagnino – Community Health Worker Coordinator, Healthy Living Collaborative of Southwest Washington
 - Builds cross-sector partnerships focusing on the most vulnerable
 - Network of members representing health care, public health, social services, faith, and more
 - Aligns policy and systems work with community-led initiatives in order to transform partnerships
 - Approach includes community-based engagement, collective impact work, and health-focused policies and services

IMMIGRATION CONSEQUENCES AT DOC

Enoka Herat, Washington Defender Association's Immigration Project

- ICE Detainers
 - ICE collaborates with local law enforcement, jails & courts to maximize apprehension and deportation of all noncitizens
 - Majority of Washington counties now do not honor ICE holds
- Advocacy at DOC
 - Challenge the use of ICE holds
 - Create a new classification – low priority ICE holds
 - Create a way to appeal an ICE hold classification
 - Challenge the use of ICE holds being used to bar employment

Peter See, Formerly Incarcerated Group Healing Together (FIGHT)

- Newest core member of FIGHT, previously incarcerated
- Re-entry challenges: work permit delays
- Working to create an awareness group in Tacoma
- Impacts many SE Asian communities
- Work with APIs who are incarcerated
- Thanked CAPAA for support of Clallam Bay API Cultural Awareness Group

How can the Commission support FIGHT?

- Support efforts to promote ethnic studies in correctional facilities
- Guest speakers to visit correctional facilities
- Resources
- Donation of materials to support API cultural awareness – contact managers at each facility to coordinate delivery

How does FIGHT connect with API community members in prison?

- Primarily word of mouth
- Held a recent three day convening

How can CAPAA support advocacy around ICE related issues?

- Educate Department of Corrections about different levels of ICE holds
- Support for policy changes that positively impact immigrant offenders

TASK FORCE ON USE OF DEADLY FORCE IN COMMUNITY POLICING

Director Itti provided an update on the work of the Task Force on the Use of Deadly Force in Community Policing. Director Itti also announced the next Community Report Back on October 6, 2016 at Keiro NW.

SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS

UPRISE Request

1st Vice Chair Dickinson presented the UPRISE request to the board and proposed a sponsorship of \$500.

Commissioner Pen made a motion to provide UPRISE with a \$500 sponsorship and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Guerrero. With no further discussion, the request was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT & DISCUSSION

Commissioners selected the Committee they would like to serve on and nominated a Chair for each Committee.

Health and Human Services Committee:

- Commissioner Wada, Commissioner Gurung, Commissioner Pen, Commissioner Gaur
- Commissioner Wada made a motion to nominate Commissioner Gaur as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee and was seconded by Commissioner Pen. The motion was unanimously approved.

Economic Development Committee

- Commissioner Nguyen, Commissioner Wada, 1st Vice Chair Dickinson, Chair Tufono
- 1st Vice Chair Dickinson made a motion to nominate Chair Tufono as Chair of the Economic Development Committee and was seconded by Commissioner Nguyen. The motion was unanimously approved.

Education Committee:

- Commissioner Finau, Commissioner Guerrero, Commissioner Nguyen, 2nd Vice Chair Vue
- 2nd Vice Chair Vue made a motion to nominate Commissioner Finau as Chair of the Education Committee and was seconded by Commissioner Guerrero. The motion was unanimously approved. Chair:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Pen to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Gaur with no further discussion and unanimous approval. The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 PM.

Minutes prepared by Brianne Ramos.