



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

Commissioner Report

January 20, 2018 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Together Center
16225 NE 87th, Suite A-5, Redmond, WA 98052

Commissioner Dickinson:

Activity	Date	Issues & Recommendations
Interviewed by GU Law API Student	11/20/2017	Provide support for GU API/minority law students to assist them in professional endeavors and mentoring
WA ST Disparity Study Stakeholder Call	1/10/2018	they will come up with policy recommendations to send to Governor's Office
Contact with stakeholders regarding changes to questions on criminal deferments	1/10/2018	Advocate to change deferment/stipulation forms to avoid immigrants admitting to criminal facts in order to settle a criminal matter, such as in King County. Signing these forms in Spokane Co can subject a defendant to deportation under immigration laws in order to agree to a settlement or deferment due to the language on the forms used in the County. Follow up with County Prosecutor recommended. Follow up with Supreme Court Minority and Justice Commission.
Minority and Justice Commission Outreach Committee Meeting	12/6/2017	Outreach needs to be statewide or outside of King County, how to cast a wider net to inform people of our mission and goals
LFO Subcommittee Meeting	11/29/2017	Continued research efforts to find the impact of LFOs (Legal Financial Obligations) which have a disparate impact on minority communities regarding barriers to licenses, criminal history, etc.

Commissioner Dinh:

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Meeting with CAPAA staff	12/8/2017	Ongoing to develop Need Assessment process.
Attend Swear-In Ceremony of Councilmember Tran	12/28/2017	More support is needed to encourage Vietnamese Americans to run for office. Will continue to meet with Councilmember Tran to discuss strategies and options.
Plymouth Housing meeting	1/8/2018	KC Coordinated Entry (CEA) process is colorblind. Need to include and address cultural specific needs of those experiencing homelessness.

Commissioner Finau:

N/A

Commissioner Gaur:

N/A

Agency Overview

The CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by ensuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

Commissioner Guerrero:

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Washington State Disparity Study phone meeting	1/16/2018	<p>Washington State is conducting a Disparity Study of its minority-, women-, and veteran- owned businesses (M/W/VBEs).</p> <p>As part of the Study process, participants engaged in a group phone interview of stakeholders, such as trade organizations, minority and women business groups, chambers of commerce, community groups and other interested organizations. These important sessions will provide an opportunity to relate to community experiences with doing business with the State and its business opportunity Programs.</p> <p>The next part of the study is to reach out to businesses on their experiences.</p>
Micronesian Community Outreach	11/22/2017	<p>This meeting was to engage the community on the discussion of health care for COFA citizens, educational opportunities and housing concerns.</p> <p>There will be monthly meetings for the community members and me. I've reached out to other agencies to provide information on these issues.</p>
Micronesian Community Meeting	12/9/2017	<p>At this meeting, community members were able to hear from leaders in Clark County on their role in ensuring that the Pacific Islander communities in Clark County are supported.</p> <p>Community members would like to see more support from leaders. At the next meeting in January, we will discuss housing concerns.</p>
Meeting with FILAM of SW WA	11/15/2017	<p>At this meeting, the FilAm of SW WA would like to establish quarterly meetings where I will share updates from CAPAA and bring concerns to CAPAA.</p>

Commissioner Gurung:

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Legislative Report Back	12/7/2017	It about IPI agendas, Immigration and budgets.
Nepal Seattle Society	1/24/2018	To find all the resources to build the community hall, asking for capital budgets, they will keep working until it is completed.
King County Office of Law Enforcement Oversight	12/20/2017	It is short of public awareness program about policing in King County.
Northwest Gurung Lhosar Celebration	12/30/2017	They like preserve their language culture and heritage, and will continue.
Access to Democracy	1/5/2018	Our community's voice must be heard, need to vote.

Commissioner Nguyen:

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Tommy Le Mediation	1/5/2018	ADR with the King County Sheriff's Office and unions regarding on the Tommy Le shooting.
WIN Meeting	1/12/2018	Continuing meeting to form a network for immigrant state employees.

Commissioner Sisavatdy:

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SE Asian and Pacific Islander Health Education Summit	12/5/2017	Date has been set for the summit (Aug. 25th). Monthly meetings to follow.
AA&PI Legislative Report Back (ACRS)	12/7/2017	Deportation, Education, AANAPISIs

Tamu Gurung Society Lhosar New Year	12/30/2017	Community annual New Year celebration
Introduction of the WA. State Voting Rights Act	1/5/2017	Hoping this year, this will finally pass!

Commissioner Sinclair:

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Hypertension management among NHPI	1/3/2018	NHPIs are interested in learning about how to manage hypertension. We will implement a hypertension self-management educational intervention in Western Washington with NHPIs during the next 3 years.

Commissioner Tufono:

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Da Coconut Wireless Radio Show	12/3/2017	NA
Marshallese Health Summit	12/16/2017	Following up with Marshallese community after State Initiatives about COFA are voted on and passed.
CAPAA Board Meeting	11/18/2017	Meeting to discuss & support API concerns.
CAPAA Executive Committee Business	12/16/2017	2-3 hours weekly communicating with CAPAA staff & Exec. Committee about CAPAA affairs.
Meeting with Tongan Community Member	12/30/2017	Follow up with community member scheduled for 1/27/18
Meeting with Samoan Parents of Middle School students	1/5/2018	Follow up with Federal Way School District to follow.
Meeting with Federal Way School District	1/3/2018	Informing and advising FWSD of Communication barriers with PI Parents about crucial information regarding school discipline and requesting an opportunity for Parents to better understand the school system and requirements to respond.

Commissioner Wada:

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Emergency Preparedness Advisory meeting	12/5/2017	This is an on-going meeting until a comprehensive emergency preparedness policy is fully developed. The advisory board meets every other week via conference calls until the community engagement meetings are implemented which scheduled to begin in March at 6 different regions in Washington state.
Health Disparities Council meeting	12/14/2017	Discussed disparity issues in early childhood, k-12 and higher eds. As this was the year end meeting, the council reflected on accomplishments challenges and plans for the new year.
Discussion with Commissioner Nora Coronado	12/21/2017	Commissioner Nora Coronado at CHA and I contacted Costco and CVS regarding the language translation for drug label. We have not heard back from Costco and CVS does offer prescriptions in 10 different languages and they have a telephone interpreter if needed. However, they do not advertise these services and couldn't say why they don't. We are planning on writing a letter to corporate Costco and CVS in the future. I made a recommendation that we might need to develop a survey questionnaire to distribute to all local pharmacies to gauge their interest.
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Meeting	1/4/2018	The advisory group discussed agenda for the community engagement events which will take place in Bellingham, Spokane, Yakima, Wenatchee, Vancouver, and Olympia. The objectives of the events are solicitation of input on priorities of care from community members when pandemic situation occurs.