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Improving the lives of Asian Pacific Americans

Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Board Meeting

Asia Pacific Cultural Center
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Tacoma, WA 98409
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Regular Business

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

Welcome and introductions were given. Meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Frieda Takamura, Darren Pen, Lisa Dickinson, Tyati Tufono, Sofia Aragon, Didi Cabusao, Jeannie Lee, Lori Wada

Commissioners Absent: Quang Nguyen, Debadutta Dash, Tashi Khamshitsang, Lynette Finau

Commission Staff Present: Executive Director, Michael Itti and Executive Assistant, Amy Van CAPAA
Interns Present: Brianne Ramos, Jintana Lityouvong, Kryselles Manzano

Greeting and welcome made by Lua Pritchard, Executive Director of Asia Pacific Cultural Center: fourth annual Samoan Cultural Day; July 5th, parade begins at 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM. Slideshow can be found at APCC website: www.asiapacificculturalcenter.org

Director's Report

1. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- **2014 Supplemental Budget:** The agency's 2013-15 budget has been reduced from \$420,000 to \$418,000 due to Department of Enterprise Services (DES) and State Employee Health Insurance adjustments.

2. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION:

- **Strategic Planning:** CAPAA is beginning a discussion in March to develop a 2015-18 strategic plan. The plan will outline goals, strategies and tactics for CAPAA's priority areas of education, health and human services, and economic development.

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.

- **Website:** The agency is transitioning its website to a private vendor as a result of a recent study by the Office of Financial Management. The new website will enable the agency to more effectively communicate policy and program changes that may impact the APA community.
- **Results Washington:** CAPAA is participating on the Prosperous Economy Goal Council and is working with other agency directors to reach our targets and goals. The Goal Council presented to the Governor on Feb. 26th regarding various industry sectors, small business support and state agency lean process improvement. CAPAA is working with the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises on strategies to increase state utilization of certified veteran, minority, and women-owned businesses this summer.
- **Casework System:** The agency continues to maintain an online casework system. The number of requests for assistance from the agency remains steady.

3. LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

- **Regular Session:** The 2014 legislative session began on January 13, 2014 and adjourned on March 13, 2014. CAPAA sent out weekly E-Legislative Updates to inform the APA community about changes in policy and funding.

Here are some important take-aways from the short session:

- **Lawmakers pass Supplemental Budget:** The budget adds \$155 million to the two-year state operating budget. Legislators were unable to come to an agreement on a capital budget or transportation package. Gov. Inslee expressed disappointment that new funding was not approved for critical maintenance on roads and bridges, freight projects, and transit improvements.
- **Small steps for K-12 education:** Despite a state Supreme Court message that lawmakers were not moving fast enough to adequately fund public education, legislators added only \$58 million for schools. This was far short of the \$200 million Gov. Inslee urged lawmakers to invest through the closure of tax loopholes. It is estimated that between \$4 billion and \$6 billion more is needed to comply with the court decision by 2018. How the new funding will be invested is crucial in closing the educational opportunity gaps.
- **More access to higher education:** A big win this session was the signing of the Washington State DREAM Act into law. In addition, more low- and middle-income students will be able to earn a college degree in a high-demand field with the addition of \$25 million for the Opportunity Scholarship program. About half the students who applied last year were students of color.
- **Better health outcomes:** The budget adds \$20 million for community mental health, including funding for home and community-based services for youth. The Legislature passed Gov. Inslee's requested legislation, SB 6312, which will better integrate primary care, mental health, and chemical dependency services.
- **APA Legislative Day:** On February 3, 2014, APA community leaders from the Asian Pacific Islander Coalition met with legislators and staff from the Governor's Office in Olympia to discuss priorities that will improve the lives of APAs.

- **Ethnic Legislative Reception:** On March 6, 2014, community members attended the Ethnic Legislative Reception in the Columbia Room in the Legislative Building.

4. OUTREACH:

- **Statewide Outreach:** Staff have attended numerous meetings and events with community leaders and organizations, agency directors and staff, and stakeholders in the last two months, in addition to the numerous events our commissioners have attended in each of their regions.
- **Community Connections:** Staff met with numerous community leaders and community-based organizations in our Community Connections Network to hear about issues and concerns facing their unique communities. When necessary, casework and policy issues are brought to the attention of the Governor's Office, federal agencies, state agencies, legislative members and municipalities.
 - **UW Asian Student Commission and Pacific Islander Student Commission:** Staff was invited to participate in an educational session to train students on the legislative process and policymaking.
 - **Asian Pacific Directors Coalition:** Staff attended the February APDC meeting with more than two dozen APA non-profit and community leaders. The agency is monitoring the community's efforts to advocate for the reinstatement of a Southeast Asian recruiter at the University of Washington.
 - **Road Map Project Community Network Steering Committee:** Staff is participating in discussions to re-define the role of the CNSC to better support the needs of our diverse communities. The Road Map Project aims to double the number of students in the region who are on track to obtain a college or career credential by 2020 and close the opportunity gaps for students of color and low income children.
 - **Community Events:** Staff attended community events including the Tet Festival at Seattle Center, APIC Community Briefing, a Celebration of Life for Vera Ing, Greater Seattle Chinese Chamber of Commerce Lunar New Year Dinner, Seattle Chinese Culture and Arts Association Lunar New Year Festival, Organization of Chinese Americans Golden Circle Awards Dinner, and Asia Pacific Cultural Center New Year Celebration.
- **Federal Outreach:** Our agency continues to maintain relationships with federal agencies to stay apprised of policies impacting the Asian and Pacific Islander communities in our state.
 - **White House Initiative on AAPIs:** Staff continues to conduct information-sharing on federal issues that may impact the AAPI community.
- **Agency Outreach:** Staff continues to connect with members of the agency's Asian Pacific American State Agency Liaison Network (APASAL Network). These monthly check-ins serve as an important way to cover current policies and programs for the AAPI community, partnership opportunities, assistance requests, recommendations and policy issues with state agencies.
 - **Department of Commerce:** Commissioner Dash and three APA business leaders represented CAPAA at the newly formed Minority Business Roundtable. Department of

Commerce Director Brian Bonlender convened the meeting to discuss and collaborate on issues of mutual concern to the minority business community.

- **Department of Enterprise Services:** DES is co-hosting the [Regional Contracting Forum](#) at the Washington State Convention Center on March 26 and at the Spokane Convention Center on May 22. This is a free training event for vendors to learn the processes for doing business with state and local government. More info at <http://des.wa.gov/about/Media/Lists/News/DispForm.aspx?ID=171>.
- **Department of Financial Institutions:** Participate in Money Smart Week, April 5-12, by attending a financial education class. Upcoming classes can be found via the Washington Financial Education Clearinghouse Calendar at <http://dfi.wa.gov/financial-education/>.
- **Department of Health:** Staff continues to monitor Department of Health's work around marijuana prevention and education. The supplemental budget provides a small amount of funding for DOH to conduct tobacco, marijuana, and e-cigarette prevention activities for youth and at-risk populations. Data from the 2012 Healthy Youth Survey shows more than 20 percent of Pacific Islanders and 10 percent of Asian Americans in 10th grade reported using marijuana.

The Washington State Board of Health is accepting nominations for the Warren Featherstone Reid Award from March 13 to May 13. The prestigious award recognizes cost effective and quality health care services in both an individual and a facility category. Visit the Featherstone Award webpage to submit a nomination at <http://sboh.wa.gov/HowDoI/FeatherstoneAward.aspx>.

- **Department of Labor and Industries:** LNI and other agencies provides Small Business Liaisons (http://www.ora.wa.gov/documents/sbl_flyer.pdf) to assist small businesses with workers' compensation, safety & health, wage & hour, contractor registration, or any other L&I-related concern.
- **Department of Revenue:** The [2013 Revenue Report](#) was released outlining key accomplishments for the agency. The agency provides workshops and online tutorials to educate taxpayers and business owners. View the report at: <http://dor.wa.gov/Docs/Pubs/Misc/RevenueReport.pdf>.
- **Department of Social and Health Services:** At the request of CAPAA and the other ethnic commissions, DSHS Secretary Quigley convened a meeting to review the new changes in law and impact on communities of color regarding Initiative 502. Commissioners urged agencies to be proactive about educating youth and families about the potential impacts of marijuana legalization.
- **Human Rights Commission:** New offices (<http://www.hum.wa.gov/ContactUs.html>) are open in Vancouver, Yakima and Wenatchee. HUM provides assistance to ensure Washingtonians are free from discrimination at work, in housing, in a public accommodation, or when seeking credit and insurance.
- **Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises:** OMWBE will hold several upcoming certification workshops including March 17 in Vancouver, March 24 in Seattle,

April 1 in Lacey, and April 8 in Spokane. Visit <http://www.omwbe.wa.gov/upcoming-events/> for more details.

- **Professional Educator Standards Board:** Staff received an update on the Recruiting Washington Teachers program. Four sites in Burlington, Mt. Vernon, Renton, and Tacoma are receiving funds to support the recruitment and preparation of diverse high school students to explore future roles as educators in teaching shortage areas (mathematics, science, special education, Bilingual education and English language learner).
- **Washington Health Benefit Exchange:** Staff participated in a meeting with the Asian and Pacific Islander Coalition (APIC) and the Executive Director of the HBE, Richard Onizuka. APIC expressed concerns regarding barriers to ACA enrollment for refugees and immigrants and requested a series of action steps to address the issues. CAPAA will continue to monitor the progress of the APIC requests.

5. CAPAA COMMISSION:

- **New Commissioner:** CAPAA welcomes Lori Wada as our newest Commissioner! Commissioner Wada works for the Office of the Insurance Commissioner and is knowledgeable about low-income housing, higher education, and the health insurance marketplace.
- **Board Meetings:** The Commission will hold its third board meeting in 2014 on June 14, 2014 at Kitsap Community Resources Center. Visit www.capaa.wa.gov for more details and for the full 2014 schedule.
- **40th Anniversary:** The Commission is organizing a community celebration to mark its 40th anniversary on May 15, 2014. This event will bring together youth, community leaders and current and former Commissioners and staff to celebrate our achievements and look forward to the future. For stories about CAPAA and more details, visit <http://www.capaa.wa.gov/about/40.shtml>.
- **Board vacancies:** The Commission expects to have vacancies on the board within the next several months. Members of the public can apply at <http://www.governor.wa.gov/boards/application/default.aspx>. A commissioner helps examine and define issues pertaining to the rights and needs of Asian Pacific Americans, and makes recommendations to the Governor and state agencies with respect to desirable changes in program and law. They serve on a voluntary basis and have the responsibility to maintain communication with the community they represent as well as to the board.

6. UPDATE ON ISSUE AREAS:

- **Education:**
 - **Asian Pacific Islander Think Tank:** CAPAA Education Committee Chair Frieda Takamura convened a meeting of the APIATT. CAPAA staff provided an update on education-related legislation that may impact API students.
 - **National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education:** Staff attended the iCount meeting on February 18th to discuss the next steps in pursuing the

collection of disaggregated student data within Washington schools. An action plan draft was created by attendees made up of institutional and organizational leaders within the APA community. The group will continue formalizing details.

- **Asian American and Pacific Islander Voices in Education Initiative:** The Commission continues to support grassroots efforts engaged during the Asian American and Pacific Islander Voices in Education Initiative.

Southeast Asian American Access in Education Coalition (SEAE): Staff continues to follow the community's progress in working with the University of Washington on strategies to provide culturally competent outreach and support to Southeast Asian American students. SEAE is also beginning to plan for a second education summit this fall.

Our Future Matters: Members of Our Future Matters presented at the January CAPAA board meeting about UPRISE, the second Pacific Islander Education Summit. OFM has begun to plan for third education summit this fall.

- **Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (EOGOAC):** The EOGOAC released its [2014 Annual Report](#) outlining recommendations to address the educational opportunity gaps. Commissioner Takamura and Sili Savusa continue to serve as our representatives on this committee. Ben Kodama and Mele Aho serve as the Commission's alternates.
- **Student Discipline Task Force:** Zharina Angeles, an educator in the Renton School District, attended the second Task Force meeting of the year in Olympia on March 10. The Task Force will meet next in May.

- **Health Care and Human Services:**

- **Asian American and Pacific Islander Health Disparities Initiative:** Commissioner Aragon continues to represent the Commission on the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities.

Staff is coordinating with Christy Hoff, staff for the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities, on a proclamation request to Gov. Inslee for Minority Health Month in April.

- **Marijuana excise taxes:** Due to the passage of Initiative 502, the state will begin levying and collecting an excite tax on the sale of marijuana. The initiative designates portions of the revenue to the Department of Health and Department of Social and Health Services for marijuana education, prevention, and treatment. Due to marijuana's disproportionate impact on communities of color, CAPAA will coordinate with the other Ethnic Commissions to ensure these funds are used for community-based education, prevention and treatment.

- **Economic Development:**

- **Minority Small Business Summit:** Staff is working closely with the other Ethnic Commissions on an event to engage the AAPI business community and other minority business owners in discussions around state contracting, the regulatory environment, and small business support.

Implementation of Initiative 502

Michael Langer

Chief of the Department of Social Health and Services of Behavioral Health and Prevention

The bill surrounding regulation of medical marijuana did not pass in the legislature for the 2014 legislative session.

- Unclear as to what will happen once medical dispensaries open in terms of regulation

Initiative was passed in 2012

- One ounce of usable marijuana allowed
- Unintended consequences: Concerns of edibles or liquids being unintentionally accessible to children. The effect of the product is delayed and therefore consumption may be in large quantities.
- Concerns for pet consumption
- Prevention committee is concerned packaging and similarity of edibles and liquids to other products will attract consumption kids

Liquor Control Board (LCB) (and Cannabis) issuing growing license:

- First issue was to an individual in Spokane
- The board received close to 6000 applications
- Department of Health involvement: food or medicine? Concern towards mold and proper handling of product.
- Other state agencies are involved on the board
- Liq.wa.gov has more info

Taxation:

- The initiative applies a 25% excise tax on each level of the system: producer to a processor, processor to a retailer, and retailer to the customer. In addition, B&O taxes on the production and local retail sales taxes apply.
- Tax revenues go into Dedicated Marijuana Fund.

Dollars

- \$1.2 million initial dollars goes to LCB for administrative compensation to cover expenses of I-502
- 125k goes to Healthy Youth Survey, young adults (college, workforce, military)
- 50K for DSHS to contract with WA State Institute for Public Policy that will be tracking impact of I-502 in terms of rates of offenses: DUI, traffic crashes, emergency room...etc.
- 5K for University of Washington (website has marijuana health facts)
- Distribution of funds: 50% goes to the state's Basic Health Plan (but due to the Affordable Care Act, this portion may be distributed elsewhere in the future)
- 15% goes to prevention: teaching young kids, as well as treatment for addiction. Unclear with how that money will be distributed as well as the amount due to the failure of the bill passage

Facts:

- The THC levels have increased over the past few years due to grower practices
- Increase of youth in rehab/treatment due to addiction to THC
- 10% of revenue will go to DOH
- Tobacco rates have plummeted, in part due to sophisticated health campaigns that serve as reinforcement leading to the rate of underage drinking decreasing by half
- Percentage will go to research, drop-out prevention and state general fund (part of agreement when I-502 was passed)
- Money will also go to county jurisdiction to direct prevention strategy to areas with highest need (go to highest needs and put intervention specialists in schools) (brochure provides overview); money will also go to improving treatment centers, and towards recovery support

Challenges:

- The perception of harm/risk for marijuana has plummeted
- Marijuana possession is still illegal for those under the age of 21, no public smoking allowed
- Basic education regarding marijuana is not out there until money comes through.
- No control over potency level
- Concerns towards impact on marketing
- Local law enforcement (criminal and juvenile justice) and managing offenses
- Concern towards tracking method: product is tracked from seed to package, however once it's purchased, distribution outside of dispensaries is a concern

Data sheets (in blue packet) overview.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Q: Will money from sales go to law enforcement?

A: Part of the reason the bill didn't pass: push to get 10% of money to go towards cities and counties. Other legislation passed that says cities and counties are to adopt lean measures and practices, which therefore conflicts the effort to allocate money to cities and counties. Currently, there is no money allotted for law enforcement.

Q: How can a citizen help to talk to legislatures about the health aspect?

A: Yes, talk to local legislature now as they prepare for upcoming legislative session.

Commissioner Pen: work closely with code and law enforcement, who are concerned about the taxes that will or will not go into the law enforcement aspect and people are unhappy about this.

Q: Is Washington working with Colorado on this issue?

A: Yes

Q: Has the LCB worked with the education community, including groups that represent educators as well?

A: Yes to an extent, there has been efforts with the Reducing Underage Drinking Coalition, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and this extension needs to continue.

Commissioner Takamura: Concerned about the lack of disaggregated data in our community.

Langer: CAPAA to give recommendation on how to break down data?

Q: Community wellness aspect: how many urban or inner city schools participated?

A: Info was given to counties and was broken down by districts, in the urban areas like Seattle was broken down by neighborhoods. This data, does not, however, collect data of the drop-out population.

Q: Infused product: education surrounding it?

A: LCB is putting together the language regarding the product, however much discussion continues to be had on this topic.

Q: Who are you inviting to the table for this discussion?

A: Efforts will be made to outreach and LCB has received some money for this.

Q: Are they still refining the rules?

A: LCB is responsible for the regulation aspect. The State will issue license for retail stores, the Attorney General weighed in saying cities and counties can make the choice to ban.

Comment: Concern that most money will go to administrative purposes rather than the educational and health aspect.

Q: Issue of bankability of funds?

A: Federally, marijuana is illegal, the feds did give guidance on how money can be worked within the banks, and avenue has been opened up. The Department of Revenue may have more info. Talk to LCB because regulations can change.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rudy Hurtado: EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission), focus is to introduce himself to CAPAA. Part of the Regional Interagency Work Group with the White House Initiative for AAPIs who want to start a dialogue with the Commission, to help AAPI community understand their rights. Basic education – such as how EEOC can be of assistance, encourage participation in roundtable with federal representatives and how they can help further support the AAPI community.
- Tuyet Nguyen: Address the issue of medical marijuana cards being called “green cards” which has conflicting connotations.
- Information and education inside and outside of schools.
- Impact on military and Thurston county if usage increase and may impact size of military

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Commissioner Aragon

- Attended Governor’s Interagency Council on Health Disparities as the CAPAA representative.
- Participated in CAPAA Nominations committee to recruit new Commissioners that add geographic diversity and new subject matter expertise including higher education.
- Provided guidance to CAPAA fellow Jintana Lityouvang on legislative tracking.

- Attended a meeting with the Executive Directors and Chairs of the African American and Hispanic Commission to discuss ways to enhance coordination between our Commissions.
- Received the 2014 Heroine of Health Care Award from the Center for Women and Democracy. The awards were given during a celebration at the Governor's mansion on March 6th. There were 260 nominations and 10 recipients of this award. The [Center for Women & Democracy](#) strives to advance women's leadership, participation and representation in local and global affairs. They hold an annual event at the Governor's mansion to honor women leaders in Washington, with this year's event focusing on health and health care.

Commissioner Cabusao

- Currently coordinating appointments for consular services that will be provided by the Philippine Consulate from San Francisco who is coming to Yakima Valley on March 23-24. The Consulate will provide the following services: passport renewal, dual citizenship, civil registry and notariats.
- Joined a group of community members providing Rod's House (a resource center for homeless youth) dinner for 20-25 youths once a month. Participated in their dinner auction on February 7, 2014.
- Attended the Annual Sukiyaki dinner at the Japanese Buddhist temple in Wapato, WA on March 2, 2014. This is a yearly fundraising event and the only one by the Japanese community in the valley and draws a crowd close to 2,000 every year.
- Recently elected as Vice President for the Filipino American Community of Yakima Valley.

Commissioner Dickinson

- Attended American Bar Association Midyear Meeting House of Delegates in Chicago.
- Attended Minority Caucus.
- Participated in outreach event to law students at Northwestern.
- Official "Tweeter" for the House of Delegates Meeting as part of Technology and Communications House Committee.
- Met with Commissioners from African American Commission and Hispanic Commission in regard to planning an outreach event in Spokane tentatively scheduled for May 22.
- Attended Asian American Bar Association of Washington Board Retreat as President-Elect, Attended monthly meeting.
- Participated on our Nominating Committee to review new Commissioner applications.

Commissioner Finau

- February 26th, I was a guest lecturer at University of Washington's Anthropology & Education: Research and Advocacy (Anth 467) course. A second in a three-course sequence that includes a required year-long placement in a public school or a self-placement working with students to overcome barriers to higher education. Through readings, class discussions, and service-learning experiences, students are to consider factors influencing the persistent barriers to higher education for some groups of students, with a special focus on Pacific Islander students. Some of these barriers include: economics, race, immigration status, geography/residence, expectations, cultural norms, curriculum standards and testing. Exploring qualitative research, culturally appropriate curriculum design and advocacy, I included in my lecture the responsibilities to be agents of change (applied anthropologists don't just research or learn, they act), working in partnership

with schools to improve the quality of instruction for all kids. My dissertation research on the effectiveness of Reflective Leadership (teachers looking and reflecting the culture of the students) was the main focus of my lecture. With the approval of Foster High School administrator, 20 Pacific Islander Foster High students accompanied me to UW. They sat in a UW class, among their ethnic peers and role models, participated in the learning and teaching process---- taught by a Pacific Islander teacher. It was incredibly powerful, inspirational and memorable day. After class, Asians & Pacific Islander UW students gave us a tour of Burke Museum viewing cultural objects to help students engage with their culture while on campus and the new Husky Stadium facility. Lecturing in this class is with the intentions that students both at UW and high school will picture themselves as PhD students and researchers, and for UW students to teach classes and conduct research that reflect their own values and epistemologies.

- INTERVIEW WITH EDWINA FUI – PIPE COORDINATOR: PACIFIC ISLANDER PURSUING EDUCATION EVENT @ UW BOTHELL
 - A film research project for Edwina Fui, PIPE Coordinator, she came to Foster High School to film an interview with me as a Pacific Islander teacher in the local schools. Edwina filmed several individuals to collect different perspectives on what “success” means for them, what resources they use, and how it determines what they do currently or plan to do in the future. The bigger idea that inspired her to approach this project is how Pacific Islanders “migrate through the education system: and how they define success in their own unique ways. Many students do not take the college route, and so, through this film/interview, she wanted to capture what the motives and behind the journeys of different individuals and form it into a discussion in how educators can understand the Pacific Islander community. Portions of my interview questions: What was my educational experience like from high school to college? What challenges did I experience, what resources did I use to help succeed in life (in and outside of school), why did I use those resources, in what ways did I think educators can help decrease the amount of drop-out rates in the PI community, what can students do to receive the help they need? March 7th was the PIPE event at UW Bothell, an event committed to preparing PI high school students with the tools and resources needed to continuing their education after high school.

Commissioner Khamshitsang

- Attended the 30th Anniversary founding of Sakya Monastery of Tibetan Buddhism and Cultural on February, 22, 2014. Presented a letter of recognition from CAPAA. The member of the Center and our community members expressed their appreciation for the recognition from CAPAA to their spiritual master.
- Traveled to Minnesota from February 28 to March 3, 2014 to celebrate the historic occasion of Tibetan New Year with His Holiness the Dalai Lama. This is the first time a Dalai Lama has ever celebrated Tibetan New Year outside Tibet and India. Spoke to more than 3000 people gathered together from various part of United States including Minnesota.
- Shared health care information with our community members and with the larger community members across United States including the one coming from First Lady Michelle Obama, “Get health care today.”

- Unable to attend March 15, 2014 meeting due to travel conflicts. Commissioner Khamshitsang is traveling to India to attend the 7th Session of the Tibetan Parliament in Exile from March 11 to March 22, 2014.

Commissioner Lee

- Translate a Lunar New Year's greeting letter in Korean for Governor Inslee.
- Visited Tacoma City Mayor to discuss Korean community's future activity and involvement in Pierce County with Tacoma Korean-American Association board members on 14th of February 2014.
- Attended the Ethnic Commissioners ceremony in Olympia on March 6, 2014.

Commissioner Nguyen

- Working on a feasibility study for the Little Saigon Landmark project. The LS Landmark is a proposed mixed-use development that includes a Vietnamese cultural center, indoor Southeast Asian night market, and affordable housing. The project is a response to the rapid gentrification of the areas in and around the International District. Once the study is complete commissioner Nguyen and staff from the SCIDpda will present their findings to the Seattle City Council as well as to the Little Saigon community
- Commissioner Nguyen helping to coordinate a meeting between small business owners in Seattle's Little Saigon and council member Mike O'Brien on the issue of the \$15 minimum wage
- Collaborating with a team of Seattle University PhD candidates for a class research project looking at data on the demographics of 4 AAPI groups (Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, and Vietnamese) in King, Snohomish, and Pierce counties.
- Working with other staff at SCIDpda on the design and development of a 3,500-4,000 sq ft space in Chinatown/ID into a coworking/incubator space

Commissioner Takamura

- Represented CAPAA at the Education Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (EOGOAC) meeting as well testifying before the House Education Committee in support of legislation to close the Opportunity Gap
- Met with several education advocacy group representatives
- Worked with the Southeast Asian education group, and met with University of Washington administrators regarding restoring the SEA student recruiter position.
- Facilitated the Asian Pacific Islander American Think Tank (APIATT) meeting
- Attended the CAPAA 40th Anniversary planning committee meeting.

Commissioner Tufono

- Attended the Lynnwood Diversity Commission Meeting representing the private citizen sector.
- Hosted Da Coconut Wireless Radio Show
- Participated in a Conference Call for the appointment of the CAPAA Commissioner Vacancy
- Co-hosted a Meet & Greet for Ka'ohē Wong-Director of Mukilteo YMCA Mission on Diversity Inclusion Liaison.
- Participated in discussions with the Mukilteo YMCA on a Lunar New Year Celebration.

February

- Hosted Da Coconut Wireless Radio Show
- Met with Karena Hooks Edmonds School District-Director of Diversity & Inclusion about hosting upcoming events in the School District. Discussed furthering efforts to support API Students and Families. Discussed Cultural Awareness Training for ESD Staff and Leadership.
- Attended the Lynnwood Diversity Commission Meeting representing the Private Citizen Sector.
- Attended the APCC Festival Featuring "Tahiti".
- Participated in the CAPAA Nominations Committee Conference Calls discussing the New Commissioner Applicants.
- Invited by Staff Member Rochelle Fonoti as a Guest Lecturer for the South Seattle Pacific Islander Studies Class, discussing my job as a CAPAA Commissioner and my vision to serve the Pacific Islander Community.
- Met with Kinuko of Communities of Color and Alan Alabastro of KSER Radio to discuss strategic planning for growing my new Radio Show due to its growing popularity. Discussed and agreed for me to Host (2) shows in March including the Annual Radio Station Pledge Drive airing on March 16th. I encourage All Commissioners to pledge \$35 dollars towards this station which allows a 1 year membership, and voting rights to keep shows like Da Coconut Wireless and Communities of Color relevant and ongoing.

March

- Hosted Da Coconut Wireless Radio Show
- Met with City of Lynnwood Mayor Nicola Smith to discuss appointing me to the Lynnwood Diversity & Inclusion Commission.
- Participated in CAPAA Executive Board Conference Call.
- Attended the CAPAA Anniversary Planning Meeting.

Commissioner Pen

- In January, Commissioner Pen worked with Carol Wolfe, the City of Tacoma's Supervisor of the Community and Economic Development Department to have her talk about the city's new phone numbers 311, Business, Community and Neighborhood Services to:
 - 55 Vietnamese seniors on Monday, January 10.
 - 95 Cambodian seniors on Tuesday, January 11.
 - 110 Korean seniors on Wednesday, January 12.
 - 45 Chinese, Japanese and Pilipino seniors on Thursday, January 13.
 - 17 Samoan seniors on Friday, January 14.
 - The meetings, places, date, times and the interpreters were arranged by Commissioner Pen. He is also interpreting for the Cambodian group.
- On Friday, January 24, Commissioner Pen attended the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises at the Emerald Queen Casino in Tacoma. There were over 300 people attended.
- On Saturday, January 25, Commissioner Pen was invited by Mr. David Flentge, CEO Community Health Care in Tacoma to attend the Big Radio Disney Event at Hilltop Regional Health Center. There were lots of community members in attendance, and as also provide free health screenings, health insurance enrollment, community resources information and much, much more!
- In February, Commissioner Pen worked with Elliot Stockstad, Director of Family Services for the Habitat For Humanity of Pierce County and had him talk about the Homeownership Program to:

- 80 Vietnamese seniors on Monday, February 10.
- 108 Cambodian seniors on Tuesday, February 11.
- 165 Korean seniors on Wednesday, February 12.
- 68 Chinese, Japanese and Filipino seniors on Thursday, February 13.
- 19 Samoan seniors on Friday, February 14.
 - o The meetings, places, date, times and the interpreters were arranged by Commissioner Pen. He is also interpreting for the Cambodian group.
- On Saturday, February 1st, Commissioner Pen was invited by Mr. Hieu Nguyen, one of the organizers for the Vietnamese New Year in Tacoma. Commissioner Pen donated money for the refreshments. There were hundreds of people that participated.
- On Saturday, February 1st, Commissioner Pen was invited by Mr. Sron Ros, the President of Kampuchean Association of Olympia, to attend the 2014 Ethnic Celebration in Lacey. Commissioner Pen announced and handed the APCC's New Year posters to many interested people. There were over 70 ethnics groups participated; and there were thousands people there.
- On Saturday, February 15th, Commissioner Pen attended the Asia Pacific Cultural Center's New Year at the Tacoma Dome.
- On Friday, February 2nd, Commissioner Pen met with the Governor's South Sound Regional Representative, David Westbrook, to discuss how Mr. Westbrook and Commissioner Pen can partner or assist each other to deliver the state's services and information to the citizens in their districts. Commissioner Pen also invited Mr. Westbrook to come and to talk to the Vietnamese, Cambodian, Korean, Chinese, Japanese, and Filipino Samoan seniors in the month of April, to which Mr. Westbrook has agreed to attend.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Agenda overview

Discussion:

- Concern of extent of duties for commissioners: navigation and educational, understanding the structure of state government agencies
- In house recommendation vs. Institutional Changes and the aspect of the "Change Agent" in which CAPAA is the bridge

CAPAA's Statutory Review

Progress Report Review

Matrix:

- Consider how frequently it needs to be updated
- Establish a consistent goal towards each committee completing matrix and creating new goals moving along

Committees

- Acknowledging that roles change and shift, how does a committee structure exist to respond to changes and allow for easy transition?
- Frequency of committee meeting piggy backs on the work plan that exists and will function according to how it is developed
- Systematic approach to capacity building: evidence of outreach, meetings, resources,

Results Washington Overview

- Brainstorm strategy on how to improve the processes of agencies and how to continue communication
- Concern of wording of Health Disparities in obesity among Pacific Islanders
- Survey to seek feedback on our roles (either at board meetings, website, especially with data) – Retrieve attendance’s feedback, comments, questions, and satisfaction
- Utilize the transparency and accountability tool

Committee Report Out

Economic Development

Successes:

- Global Trade activity (Commissioner Dash)
- Partnerships with Chambers of commerce

Challenges:

- Isolation of API businesses outside of King County metropolitan area
- Getting past “formality issues”, not only resource, compliance, certification awareness, but the follow up and the support in the process
- Identifying API businesses in the state
- Jobs vs. Environment and the issue of environmental justice in the APA community
- Access to language and culturally appropriate business technical assistance for immigrant and refugee communities
- Access to capital for immigrant and refugee entrepreneurs
- Access to education, especially in the science and technology fields
- The future economic health of our community depends on how well we connect our community to the global economy, especially to the Asia Pacific Rim region

Potential Future objectives:

- Better streamlining of information, communication and resources
- Improve methods of outreach and expand network
- Set up infrastructure for simplified guidelines and how-to for processes
- Utilize LEP resource for language assistance

Education

Successes:

- EOGOAC Annual Report
- Other communities of color are requesting disaggregated data
- Improvements upon Bilingual and ELL certification programs

Challenges:

- South East Asian recruiter position at the University of Washington
- 24 Credit high school requirement

- Funding of McCleary Act (equity in education)

Potential Future objectives:

- CAPAA's role in increasing cultural competency

Health and Human Services

Successes:

- Participation on Governor's Health Disparity Council
- Passing of HB 2572 (effectiveness & transforming health care delivery system, -to include cultural competency)
- HB 2643 (although did not pass) did allow to create a steering committee to tackle obesity problem amongst children

Challenges:

- Strengthening the perception of the role of government
- Marijuana initiative

Potential Future Objectives:

- CAPAA participation with agencies and the community regarding the implementation of the marijuana initiative
- Workforce to carry out health reform (including the Affordable Care Act)

Committees Break Out Groups

Education Objectives:

- Connect with Community Based Organizations that work directly with families of specific ethnic communities throughout Washington State [For implementation of current objectives and future]
 - Advocate for disaggregation of APA data
 - Monitor API graduation rates and report to constituencies
 - Partner with think tanks to identify API gap cause and interventions
 - Partner with African American and Latino Community and education coalitions to assert that McCleary court order, funding and implementation should include proper funding of bilingual education and equity measures.
 - Develop equity legislation so charter schools are subject to the same standards as public schools.
 - Student to teacher pipeline by working with OSPI, Professional Standard Board, and colleges to attract APIs into education
 - Parent engagement through partnership with local PTA chapters
 - Increase in education system and resources for families
- Make bigger use of our Think Tanks
- Partner with other Health and Economic committees

Health Care and Human Services Objectives:

- API involvement of implementation of legislation passed
- Building workforce that is diverse to carry out culturally competent health care services

- Partner with Economic Development committee
- Marijuana Initiative – stop language of green card; more info on products; youth peer to peer education; partner with education committee for education aspect
 - Accountability on law enforcement
 - Accountability on LCB
 - Accountability on state legislatures
 - Accountability on organizations that supported legislation/initiative (Children’s Alliance, MAD)
 - Identify the message of the education language
 - Connect and transfer data to CBO network

Economic Development Objectives:

- Work with OMWBE to better streamline certification process and education, as well as other local government agencies and consulates to think on sub-contract level
- More accessible opportunities for small biz owners to attend community forums and agency roundtables
- Outreach with Chambers of commerce
- Cost prohibitive issue: out reaching to other avenues such as faith based, social organizations
- Strategy plan for small business for APAs on a state level? (Tap into resource at Dept. of Commerce).

Comment: Name issues of immigrant community

- Cross Committee Partnership
- Education campaign for DACA (partner with CHA)

Next Steps

Flush out 2015 work plan

Committee Chairs by March 28th to submit a work plan

Capacity Building:

Technological

- Literature and website capacity and usage
- Call log for requests for assistance

Leverage Areas:

- Aging population that other agencies are attempting to outreach to
- CAPAA helps collect, disseminate and provide data on APA community
- CAPAA serves 47 distinct communities

Interagency agreements

- With translation services
- CAPAA is the host for other state agencies efforts to delivery cross cultural competent materials and practices
- Partner with agencies who produce API legislature on how to remedy outreach gap

Funding

- Committees to develop a fiscal note (budget) for extra funding as well (for summits, conferences, workshops...etc.)
- Professional training and orientation for commissioners and community members on civic process
- Staff person of CAPAA funded by another agency?
- Rigorous analysis of other commissions' budget
- Funding equity initiatives
- Stressing the 47 distinct communities
- \$ For Research on APA issues and more comprehensive data

General stakeholder feedback

- "Recruitment" issue, increasing CAPAA's visibility in the community and at the state level
- Community surveys (via phone) which may provide data for Results WA

Retreat Feedback:

- Good engagement, good to define strategy terms
- Good amount of small group work and large group work
- Good refocus
- Not all commissioners were present
- Did not discuss structure of committees moving forward

Commissioner Takamura motioned to adjourn at 3:37 pm and was seconded by Commissioner Pen. Meeting adjourn.

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