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Improving the lives of Asian Pacific Americans

Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Board Meeting

Filipino American Community of Yakima Valley

Community Hall

211 West 2nd Street

Wapato, WA 98951

Saturday, September 20th, 2014

Regular Business

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

Welcome and introductions were given. Meeting was called to order at 10:10 am.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Ty Tufono, Lisa Dickinson, Debadutta Dash, Jeannie Lee, Gerardine Cabusao, Zer Vue, Lori Wada, Mohan Gurung, Lynette Finau

Commissioners Absent: Darren Pen, Sofia Aragon, Tashi Khamshitsang

Commission Staff Present: Executive Director, Michael Itti and Project Manager, Amy Van

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made at 10:14 am by Commissioner Dickinson and seconded by Commissioner Cabusao to approve the agenda with no amendments. Agenda approved.

Approval of June 14th Meeting Minutes

Motion was made at 10:16 am by Commissioner Dash and seconded by Commissioner Wada to approve the minutes with no amendments. Minutes approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- **2015-2017 Biennial Budget Decision Package:** The Office of Financial Management has asked all agencies to submit plans to identify, describe, and prioritize budget reductions equal to 15 percent of an agency's budget. The agency submitted several options to reach the 15 percent reduction. However, due to several rounds of cuts in recent budgets, the agency would be unable to prevent a significant impact in its services to the public if the full 15 percent reduction is

implemented. A full reduction would severely reduce the agency's ability to serve the state's most diverse and fastest growing ethnic populations between 2010 and 2012.

2. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION:

- **Project Manager:** Amy Van has received the new title of Project Manager to reflect her role and responsibilities in the agency. Van manages and organizes the agency's public board meetings, education priorities and initiatives, and internship program.
- **Strategic Planning:** CAPAA began a strategic planning process 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. To include additional information and input, the Commission will complete the process in November 2014.
- **Website:** Agency staff is working to transfer information, data, and graphics from its current site to the new one. The new website will enable the agency to more effectively communicate policy and program changes that may impact the APA community. The anticipated launch of the new site will occur in October 2014.
- **Results Washington:** CAPAA is participating on the Prosperous Economy Goal Council and is working with other agency directors to reach our targets and goals. Director Itti will present the agency's efforts to prevent underage marijuana use at a Results Review for Goal Four: Healthy and Safe Communities with Governor Inslee on Sept. 24 from 10 AM to noon. The meeting is expected to be televised by TVW and online at www.tvw.org.
- **Internship Program:** The Commission is seeking highly-motivated individuals to fulfill the positions of legislative interns for the 2015 legislative session. Contact 360-725-5667 for more details.

3. LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

- **Legislative Session:** The Legislature will convene on January 12, 2015 to pass a two-year state budget and new laws and policies.
- **McCleary Decision:** In an unprecedented action, the state Supreme Court held the Legislature in contempt for failing to adequately fund Washington's public schools. The Court did not issue penalties to lawmakers and has allowed them one more legislative session to develop a plan to fully fund basic education by 2018.

4. OUTREACH:

- **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.

- **Asian Pacific Directors Coalition (APDC):** Staff attended the September APDC meeting with more than two dozen APA non-profit and community leaders. Staff provided information about the agency's work with University of Washington Partnerships for Native Health to conduct Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander group discussions about diabetes.
- **Asian Pacific Islander Coalition, APDC, and UW meeting:** Staff attended the community forum with University of Washington President Michael Young. More than 90 community members attended to support efforts by UW students and the Southeast Asian American community to reinstate a recruiter for SE Asians at the UW. President Young and Vice President for Minority Affairs Dr. Sheila Edwards Lange announced the position would be reinstated along with part-time staff to address retention efforts.
- **Asian Pacific Islander Coalition Against Tobacco (APICAT):** The coalition invited GMMB to present its plan for a second wave of media ads about preventing underage marijuana use. Coalition members provided input on reaching limited English proficient populations.
- **Asian Pacific American Resource Network (APARN):** Staff attended a coalition meeting to learn about efforts to train and educate non-profit staff and community members about federal and state health care programs. CAPAA and APARN are considering holding a joint training for the business community on health plan options and tax incentives that will be offered beginning Oct. 2014 to help businesses cover their employees.
- **Korean American Chamber of Commerce Small Business Forum:** Commissioner Wada represented the agency at the event and provided information about CAPAA and preventing underage marijuana use for parents.
- **Pacific Islander Health Board:** Pacific Islander leaders from nine ethnic communities convened on Sept. 17 to establish a health board with Public Health - Seattle and King County. Community members identified health issues of concern and how to address them. Major issues included diabetes, obesity, cancer, and mental health. Next steps will include forming a leadership committee and working with state and local officials to improve health outcomes for Pacific Islanders.
- **Road Map Project:** Staff participated in a group discussion to develop feedback on the Race to the Top Deep Dive 3 (DD3) letters of intent submitted by several school districts. DD3 is a grant fund to promote community-school partnerships. The feedback was constructed through a lens of equity—specifically from the perspective of supporting English Language Learners (ELLs) and their families and rooted in principles of authentic community and parent engagement. As a result, the timeline to submit proposals was extended to allow for incorporation of the feedback in the districts' proposals.
- **University of Washington President's Southeast Asian Advisory Board:** Staff attended the board meeting with community members and faculty of the UW Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity to discuss the recruitment process for the Southeast Asian recruiter position as well as strategies to outreach, recruit, retain, and work towards ensuring the success of southeast Asian students in higher education.
- **Washington State Coalition for Language Access:** Staff met with coalition members to discuss issues around translation services and developing procedures to improve the quality of the final product.

- **Community Events:** Staff attended numerous community events to connect with constituents and learn about community issues and concerns. Events include the Vietnamese American Seafair Coalition Dinner, Asia Pacific Cultural Center Luau, Tibet Fest, Live Aloha Hawaiian Cultural Festival, and National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development Regional Meeting.
- **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 (WHIAAPI):** Staff attended the WHIAAPI Regional Interagency Working Group roundtable event on July 14. The roundtable event connected API community leaders with staff from key federal agencies. Community members participated in discussions about economic development, immigration & education, worker protections, and health and social services with federal agency staff.
 - **Minority Business Development Agency:** Staff attended a Seattle Asian American Business Roundtable hosted by the federal agency. The agency provided an update on its current programs and services. CAPAA staff inquired about updated data on minority businesses in Washington State.
 - **Small Business Administration:** The federal government met its small business federal contracting goal for the first time in eight years. In Fiscal Year 2013, it awarded 23.39 percent in federal contracts to small businesses or \$83.1 billion of contracting dollars. To compete for federal contracts, small businesses will need to register with the federal government's System of Award Management (SAM) at www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1.
- **Agency Outreach:** Staff continues to connect with members of the agency's Asian Pacific American State Agency Liaison Network (APASAL Network). These 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 Agriculture:** Department staff will present at the Commission's Sept. board meeting in Wapato on assistance for small farmers.
 - **Department of Commerce:** Commissioner Dash and three APA business leaders are representing CAPAA at the Minority Business Roundtable. The Roundtable is working to inform communities of color about the agency's programs and services and opportunities to work at Commerce. The next scheduled meeting is Sept. 26.
 - **Department of Ecology:** Regional Director Tom Tebb will present at the Commission's Sept. board meeting in Wapato on water quality and water rights and the agency's programs and services.
 - **Department of Enterprise Services:** DES staff will be at the next Washington Small Business Fair, or Biz Fair, on Saturday, September 27th at Renton Technical College. The event is an opportunity for business owners and entrepreneurs to learn from the experts how to form and run a successful business. More information at www.bizfair.org.
 - **Department of Financial Institutions:** DFI works with many community partners and coalitions to promote financial education and literacy. A resource in the Yakima Valley is the

Yakima County Asset Building Coalition. They run workshops on home buying, tax preparation, etc. More information is available at www.ycabc.org.

- **Department of Health:** Staff and Commissioners Aragon and Wada met with Secretary Wiesman regarding the agency's health equity initiatives. CAPAA provided feedback on the agency's draft work plan to address health equity.

The Commission is working with DOH staff regarding the agency's responsibility as specified in Initiative 502 to educate the public about the new marijuana law. DOH has retained the firm GMMB to coordinate the media campaign. CAPAA is working to ensure that the media campaign is culturally and linguistically competent.

- **Department of Labor and Industries:** Staff met with LNI to discuss its efforts to improve access for people with limited English proficiency. The agency is developing a language access program that includes a language access plan, language access policy, and language access procedures. The goal is to improve customer service by ensuring staff know how to identify and better serve LEP individuals.
- **Department of Revenue:** The agency is holding a free tax workshop about Washington excise taxes, reporting classifications, deductions, tax incentives, sales tax collection, and record-keeping requirements on Sept. 24 from 9 AM to noon at the Department of Revenue location at 6300 Linderson Way in Tumwater.
- **Department of Social and Health Services:** CAPAA is working with DSHS staff to review and improve the quality of translated materials to prevent underage marijuana use.
- **Human Rights Commission:** The Commission Director, Attorney General, and Insurance Commissioner wrote a letter to benefit plan administrators and insurance companies to ensure that insurance policies and benefit plans that provide coverage for opposite-sex spouses of insureds or plan members also provide coverage to same-sex spouses. Failing to provide coverage to same-sex spouses violates Washington State law.

The Commission is providing free training on Public Accommodation on Sept. 25 from 12:30 – 4:30 PM and Fair Housing on Oct. 30 from 12:30 – 4:30 PM at its Spokane Office at 1330 N. Washington Street.

- **Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises:** CAPAA and OMWBE are working together on a Results Washington goal to increase state agency and educational institution utilization of minority, women, and veteran-owned business. Staff are coordinating with OMWBE Deputy Director Debbie McVicker to develop strategies to achieve the goal.
- **Superintendent of Public Instruction:** At the request of Commissioner Khamshitsang, CAPAA contacted OSPI regarding its World Language Credit Program to inquire about the opportunity for students proficient in Tibetan to earn a high school credit in a language they already know. As a result, Tibetan students are now able to take a skills assessment test to earn high school credit in the Tibetan language.
- **Washington Health Benefit Exchange:** The next enrollment period is from Nov. 15, 2014 to Feb. 15, 2015. Visit www.wahealthplanfinder.org to determine if you are eligible for low-cost or free health insurance.

- **Office of the Education Ombuds:** OEO has released a 2014-2017 strategic plan that outlines three goal areas to support families and educators, close the opportunity gaps, and promote community partnerships. Visit www.governor.wa.gov/oeo to view the plan.
- **API Network Luncheon Committee:** Staff is coordinating with contacts from various state agencies and community organizations to rekindle the committee of API state employees that previously met for networking and information sharing.

5. CAPAA COMMISSION:

- **Commissioners:** Gov. Inslee appointed Mohan Gurung and Zer Vue of King County to serve on the Commission. Gurung founded the Nepal Seattle Society with the goal to unite all Nepali in the state of Washington to preserve and promote Nepali culture and share it with other communities. Vue is a National Board Certified educator and has lectured about the Hmong culture and coordinated the 30th celebration of NW Hmong at the Wing Luke Museum.
- **Board Meetings:** The Commission will hold its final board meeting in 2014 on November 15 in Seattle. Visit www.capaa.wa.gov for more details.

6. UPDATE ON ISSUE AREAS:

- **Education:**

- **National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education:** Staff is assisting researchers in an update of the 2008 opportunity gap reports.
- **Asian American and Pacific Islander Voices in Education Initiative:** The Commission continues to support grassroots efforts that were launched during the Asian American and Pacific Islander Voices in Education Initiative.

Southeast Asian American Access in Education Coalition (SEAE): Preparations are underway to hold a second Southeast Asian American Education UNITE Summit on November 22 at South Seattle College.

Our Future Matters: Preparations are underway to convene a second UPRISE Pacific Islander Education Summit on October 4 at Green River Community College. The keynote speaker will be Sefa Aina, who recently concluded his service on the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

- **Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (EOGOAC):** Sili Savusa and former Commissioner Frieda Takamura are the Commission's lead representatives on the EOGOAC. The Committee was created by the Legislature to develop strategies and recommendations to close the opportunity gaps. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21. Visit www.k12.wa.us/achievementgap for more information.
- **Student Discipline Task Force:** Zharina Angeles, an educator in the Highline School District, represents CAPAA on the Task Force. Angeles was unable to attend the September meeting due to the start of the school year. Staff attended the meeting, which covered issues around integrating the Task Force's recommendations in the state's educational data warehouse—the Comprehensive Education Data and Research System (CEDARS).

- **Health and Human Services:**
 - **Healthiest Next Generation Initiative:** Gov. Inslee is launching a Healthiest Next Generation Council to improve health of Washington children. The Council will help form partnerships across public and private sectors, communities, schools and early learning and childcare environments to take actions such as supporting breastfeeding, making sure healthy food is available and affordable, and cultivating places where children can be active and safe.
 - **Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities:** Commissioner Aragon continues to represent the Commission on the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities. The Council is working to develop recommendations regarding policies to help limited English proficient populations access state services and programs.
 - **Making Stomach Cancer a Health Priority:** Staff co-facilitated a group discussion about promoting stomach cancer as a health priority for APAs at the state's first-ever Stomach Cancer Prevention Summit on August 22, 2014 in Federal Way. The summit was convened by Cornerstone Medical Services and its sponsors to bring community leaders, public officials, and health experts together to discuss the health disparity. The summit planning committee aims to convene a second summit in 2015 and reach out to more communities affected by stomach cancer.
 - **Minority Mental Health Awareness Month:** The agency partnered with Asian Counseling and Referral Service to promote awareness of minority mental health. The agency secured a proclamation from the Governor and launched media efforts to encourage APA communities to talk about mental health through an op-ed, radio show, and television appearance on Comcast Newsmakers.
 - **Preventing Underage Marijuana Use:** CAPAA is working with state agency and community partners to prevent underage marijuana use among APAs by educating parents and families about the new law. The agency printed 8,000 translated copies of a marijuana fact card and helped distribute more than 2,500 booklets of a parent's guide to community organizations. Commission members have assisted in placing messages in Korean language newspapers, radio, and television. Staff have participated at stakeholder and coalition meetings including the Healthy Youth Coalition and Asian Pacific Islander Coalition Against Tobacco (APICAT).
 - **Pacific Islander Group Discussions about Diabetes:** The agency is partnering with University of Washington Partnerships for Native Health and Pacific Islander community organizations to conduct a series of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander group discussions about diabetes. NHPs have higher rates of diabetes than all other ethnic groups. The group discussions will inform efforts to develop appropriate education and prevention strategies for NHPs.
- **Economic Development:**
 - **Minority Small Business Policy Workshop:** Staff attended the workshop at the South Seattle College Georgetown Campus on June 19 to inform small business owners and community members about policies that affect small business. Participants engaged with state agencies and minority business owners in a discussion to develop recommendations to foster greater economic development opportunities for Minority Business Enterprises in Washington State.

An inquiry was made about the deadline for internship program applicants. Staff responded that the position is open until filled.

Department of Ecology

Tom Tebb

Department of Ecology, Regional Director

- Roles and responsibilities of the Ecology Department: Protect the environment, air, water, soil, handle and manage hazardous waste and toxic cleanup sites.
- Communication is key in order to bring change through innovative interaction with people.
- Commitment to community is handling tasks and issues in responsible and timely manner
 - annual outreach to community via survey
- Protection: prevent pollution; uses science tools and methods to test environment.
 - Yakima valley has mineral nitrate problem; rural Washington depends on ground water and many wells have a high level of nitrates
- Dept. of Ecology consists of scientists, engineers, pollution specialists, geologists, chemists, etc. all of whom use innovative technology in their work.
- Engagement: the department is divided into committees that handle topics from permit issues to environmental problems.
 - The Yakima Basin Integrated Water Committee is tackling the issue of infrastructure of the valley's water reservoir that is facing shortage due to snow packs melting. Factoring in climate change, reliance will have to become less on snow packs as more droughts are to be expected. Water plant that serves community comes from Wapato irrigation project from Indian Affairs. The issue is old infrastructure, which are costly and long term and becomes challenging to fix over time; integrated plan of ecology is important.
 - Broaden communication through collaboration with partnerships and programs; increase awareness and handling of disaster response through programs such as the Washington Conservation Corp for college students; social media; have ability to translate (Chinese, Hmong, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese); bilingual staff.
- Environmental Justice:
 - Environmental issues in low income areas; first state agency to conduct environmental justice research; Millie Piazza, Environmental Justice Coordinator; brought issue of fish consumption and bringing awareness to communities about pollution risk and health risks.
 - Lower Yakima Valley: ground water issue: suggestion of getting well water tested; Yakima county website has more information; 10 milligram nitrate is safe; free testing of wells is available and there is a technological solution.
 - How do we grow good? Encouraging farmers to use fertilizer that are more eco-friendly.
- Rail issue: Ensuring response to spills and how to protect the public.

Questions and Comments:

Q: A farmer recently received a local inspection of his farm. Have you determined the sources of the pollution? Discharge of pollution?

Several studies have been completed that display issues in hot spots around Yakima Basin. Jurisdiction could pose a problem in examining these areas; problems and data is available on website. Septic tanks, poor well construction, liquid fertilizer: we regulate amount of pollutants

people discharge and need to teach better management and provide tools. Yakima basin integrated plan will address the water supply in order to prevent interruption of drought every 3-10 years; the department is building more storage to hold more water.

Q: Impact of ice packs? Measure of current impact? Does strategy include rain water storage?

Yes; website shows data on glacier melting around Mt. Rainier; more rain means constantly having to retune hydraulic cycle which is challenging; yes, we don't use it as efficiently as we could but we are currently looking at different technology such as underwater storage; approximately stores 1 million acre feet of water but need to deliver 1.7 million acre feet to people and that debt equals a drought.

Q: Types of program to engage K12 students? Curriculum for students that can't access Conservation Corp?

There are no specific program for K12; there is recruitment at executive level and willingness to introduce agriculture department to any grades and introduce topics like social skills to discuss strategy on environmental policy. There is a Washington food systems roundtable to discuss sustainability and nutrition.

US Department of Agriculture

Lisa Ruff

Farm Loan Manager

- This program exists to reduce risks for loans and supports purchasing programs to help family farmers who are temporarily unable to obtain private commercial credit.
- There is microloan program includes a \$35,000 loan limit; streamlined application process for those selling at local and smaller vendors; youth loan program that provides 5k maximum limit; also offers emergency loan program for disasters and livestock forage program for animal feed.

Questions and Comments:

Q: Does USDA offer mortgage loan for farm workers? Commercial loans?

No; and yes, interest rate is 2.25% real estate is 3.6%

Q: Does USDA offer programs related to energy conservation? Such as windmills?

Something we can take a look at.

Q: Is the farm loan program available all over the state with applicable terms and conditions?

Yes

Q: Those who don't have money cannot loan; unqualified for other loans?

Our program is meant to provide that support, for those who can provide 30%;

Q: Youth loan program? Through school or non profits?

Through USDA farm service agency

Q: Offices location?

8 Offices that handles different locations

Q: Is USDA building awareness of youth loans?

There have been some visits to some schools; some relationships with advisors; and a handful of the youth loans utilized in Yakima

Jo Lynne Seufer

US Department of Agriculture, Risk Management Agency

- The agency manages risks on a farm and provides insurance programs and natural disaster risk.
- The agency does not insure all crops but some fruit crops and other diverse farm production.
- USDA risk management is based out of Spokane and provides grants and partnership: the grants are to work towards educating farmers on reducing risks; partnerships can be altered to handle situations such as changing training workshops to cater to disaster.
- The agency will be partnering with Gonzaga students to update factsheet on diversity of API farmers in Washington.

Questions and Comments:

Q: Relationships with companies that issue insurance such as crop insurance? You don't issue insurance with them; what's your interaction with them? In delivery with insurance, do crop insurers make own interpretation of how they administer regulation? Mediation?

We are small because we don't have local offices, the agency contracts with 18 companies nationwide; companies contract with local crop insurance agent and the agency oversees those companies. USDA is paying part of the premium; shared risk management tool; doesn't matter where you go to get your insurance in that county, it will cost the same but services might look different; you have the right to tell your crop agent and have new adjustment; mediation is the same as arbitration.

Q: Rights spelled out in policy? Is the language simplified?

Yes; unfortunately no it is written in same language most policies are written.

Comment: An individual can file for a Bad Faith Claim with their lawyer.

Department of Agriculture

Ignacio Marquez, Community Liaison

- Marquez sits on the education outreach committee focusing on water quality
- Programs: the department holds agriculture fairs and offers financial assistance
 - Agriculture promotion and protection and does work with bioengineering production
 - Commodity commissions
 - Animal health with accountability of where it came and its health record
 - Chemistry laboratory and monitoring of pesticide use; food safety
 - Issues organic food certifications
 - Regulates commercialized products and direct marketing which helps address barriers to small farmers and farms to school

- Small farm direct marketing handbook online; new website available in October; works closely with Hispanic farmers and WSU; book includes licensing, financing, taxes, insurance and labor on the farm; food processing, regulations of specific products;

Questions and Comments:

Q: Direct Marketing export?

His program does not cover but can connect to sources.

Q: Organic certification?

Department of Agriculture and USDA oversees that; will send information to Commissioner Lee; most are certified.

Comment: Department of Agriculture needs to recruit people of color and improve on how or if these departments work together.

Marquez will be lead on sector on educational priority; will have work around educating youth and will look at employers and other agencies and institutions.

Comment: moving towards Healthiest Next Generation, will the Dept. of Agriculture have a seat at table for this initiative? Is there direct partnership with Ecology and Agriculture?

Yes.

Public Comment:

Filipino American Political Action Group of Washington (FAPAGOW)

Maria Batayola, Paul Tabayoyon, Lorena Silva, Eunice Lewton, Dori Baker

- Empower and improve the Filipino American community through civic engagement; held leadership conference in Seattle.
- Paul: invisibility of an ethnic group: lack of ethnic diversity recognition of Filipinos in Yakima who are often profiled as Latino due to surnames. Invisibility means they are not served in an appropriate manner; downsized programs means one size fits all which is not true; linguistic and cultural competency is lacking and means there is limited outreach; cross cultural gap needs to be bridged between employers and government and community. The issue of acculturation of Filipino youth indicates that what is thought as “best practices” within institutions excludes many of what is happening in our community, we need more cultural competency.
- Isolating Filipino Americans in areas of government health and social services is necessary. These arenas can be more inclusive by acknowledging the ethnic group and understand the unique cultural health and nutrition needs and practices of Filipino culture.
- Technical assistance for business and business development
- Filipinos in the education system are underserved; Spanish surname confusion and lack of distinction; need to isolate Filipino from Hispanic in school system as well as healthcare; English proficiency: concern towards conversational versus academic English where the latter needs to be emphasized and a part of school expectation; resources of and knowledge for career options and funding streams including scholarship and grant opportunities (solution could be workshop; funds available for minority groups but Filipinos are not acknowledged enough in the system; newly arrived immigrants challenges and barriers in school and post-secondary.

Comment: Please post information on FAPAGOW conference on CAPAA website.

Comment: Pacific Islanders also fall into category of invisibility and underrepresentation, likes term “natural helpers.”

“Natural Helper” is the alternative rather than a government agency, it is a family or friend that can help provide info and necessary material; that’s the intent, the challenge is to have government step up to provide information and not have communities depend on natural helpers

Q: Connection to common core standards?

We have to go to school districts to make sure our Filipino students are getting recognized individually by the system

Comment: as an educator this is a common conversation

Comment: Please keep pushing for disaggregated data; push for academic English in ELL rather than just conversational English.

Comment: Historical relevance; the Community Hall is the first Filipino hall built in country

Comment: Indian American is familiar with the unrecognition of Indians as part of Asian

Strategic Planning

Health and Human Services Committee:

Commissioners: Cabusao, Tufono, Wada, Aragon and Pen

Chair: Ty

Quarterly Meetings to take place prior to next board meeting: Nov 8

Education:

Commissioners: Vue, Finau

Meeting contingent on availability

Economic:

Commissioners: Dash, Gurung, Lee, Dickinson

Chair: TBA

Issue areas:

- Small biz Challenges
- International Economic Development

Email to coordinate and plan

Commissioner Report

Commissioner Aragon

- Met with Secretary of Health, John Weisman, and key Department of Health Staff regarding the agency's draft Health Equity Workplan with the purpose of finding common goals between CAPAA and DOH in addressing health equity. Michael Itti and Commissioner Lori Wada also participated. The group identified common health equity goals reflected in the CAPAA strategic plan and took steps to identify where the two agencies can be more coordinated moving forward.
- Worked with the Department of Health to distribute their healthcare provider demographic survey to the over 17,000 WA State Nurses Association members. The goal is to capture accurate healthcare workforce information to improve access to healthcare and reduce health disparities.
- Participation in the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities:
 - Participated with Commissioner Tyati Tufono on the Healthiest Next Generation Equity Review Group. The group reviewed 225 success stories collected around the state to ensure that all relevant programs, activities, or initiatives were captured and scored the individual entries on their potential impact to reduce health disparities.
 - Surveyed the over 17,000 WA State Nurses Association members to conduct a brief survey to understand the extent to which health and healthcare organizations in Washington State are implementing the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (National CLAS Standards). CLAS policies and practices can help organizations make the best use of limited budgets, develop and retain a competent and diverse workforce, provide high-quality services, and ultimately improve the quality of life of people.
 - Worked with Christy Hoff, staff for the Governor's Interagency Council on a plan to develop cultural competency training to be made available to registered nurses licensed in WA State.
- Attended the Fiestas Patrias 2014 Reception hosted by the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, SeaMar Community Health Centers, and the Latino Community Fund. Washington State Supreme Court Justice Mary Yu was honored at the event.

Commissioner Dickinson

- Attended NAPABA (National Asian Pacific American Bar Association) Regional Conference in Portland.
- Joined NAPABA Solo Small Firm Committee.
- Attended Perkins Coie Judges' Reception for AAPI Judges.
- Attended NAPABA dinner event featuring Honorable David Louie, Attorney General of Hawaii. The dinner honored Peggy Nagae, the 2014 recipient of the Judge Lynn Nakamoto Award.
- Set up informal luncheon in Spokane with Justice Mary Yu to introduce her to local AAPI and other attorneys.
- Met with Rowena Pineda, Spokane Regional Health re: AAPI maternal and child health in the community.
- Planning Asian Bar Association of Washington (ABAW) annual dinner and scholarship fundraiser event on October 25 at the W Hotel in Seattle. Please contact Commissioner Dickinson for tickets or sponsorship information. Tickets \$100.00.

Commissioner Cabusao

- Distributed copies of the “A Parent’s Guide to Preventing Underage Marijuana Use” to several schools in the area.
- Assisted in running the program of the Filipino Youth Activities of Seattle (FYA) when the Filipino Community hosted them during Labor Day weekend.
- *Note: Summer was a very busy time for me being a first time grandmother to a good looking little boy-Max Ichiro Nakatani Cabusao who was born on July 13, 2014. This took a lot of my time out of engaging in community activities as my son, the baby’s Dad, is on a 6 month deployment in Djibouti, Africa*

Commissioner Dash

- The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI) Seattle Regional Interagency Working Group (RIWG) held a community roundtable at Asian Counseling and Referral Service on Monday on July 14th. The roundtable included four workshops that focus on: economic development, immigration & education, worker protections and health and social services. These workshops were facilitated by speakers from Small Business Administration (SBA), US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Department of Labor (DOL), Department of Human Health & Services (HHS), and Social Security Administration (SSA).
- The India Association of Western Washington organized a colorful India Day event Celebrating India’s 68th Independence Day on August 23rd at the Crossroads Mall in Bellevue. Justice Mary Yu was the Chief Guest and the well-known Immigrants’ right activist Pramila Jayapal was the Guest of Honor. The Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Claudia Balducci issued a proclamation on behalf the City declaring the day of August 23rd as the “India Day”.

Commissioner Gurung

- 07/08/2014: Attended a meeting with Seattle Police Officer, Jojo Combronero and Mohamed Sheikh Hassan from office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. Talked about refugee women participation.
- 07/14/2014: Attended White House Initiative, Participated with Homeland Security Immigration and Education team first half and joined with the Small Business Association Economic Development Committee second half.
- 07/16/2014: Met with Leigh, Philip R Deng, Hsiao Chi, and Jenn Chen about market share project focusing on immigrant business opportunity.
- 07/16/2014: Met with Prem Gurung and other 6 friends and family regarding business opportunity.
- 08/14/2014: Traveled to Eugene, Oregon to visit a stove company called InStove that promotes green energy and creates business opportunities. Invited by Fred Colgan, Executive Director of InStove.
- Attended meeting with Mahesh Nakarmi, Executive Director of Nepal Ambulance Service and Health Care Waste Management Program, who was visiting from Nepal on an invitation from Stanford University, CA. Discussed health, green energy and socio economy. Mr. Nakarmi inquired about CAPAA’s role in serving Nepalese community and questions about ability to establish bi-lateral relationship between Nepal and State of Washington.
- 08/16/2014: Attended North West Gurung Society Picnic in Kirkland.

- 08/30/2014 Traveled to Vancouver BC on Labor Day weekend for a meeting with Nepalese community leaders from three states (Oregon, WA, and Vancouver BC) regarding future plan for our upcoming generation. Invited by Khem Dhakal, President of Nepali community in Vancouver BC.

Commissioner Khamshitsang

- Attended as a guest to the opening of the 19th annual TibetFest at Seattle Center on August 23-24, 2014; spoke at the gathering and had wonderful interaction with various community members and visitors on various aspect of the Tibetan American Community of Washington State.
- Travelled to Washington DC to attend the 13th conference of North American Tibetan Associations, which is comprised of 30 various groups from some 25 State and Provinces of United States and Canada. Represented North American region in the meeting with His Holiness the Dalai Lama.. This conference was attended by Honorable Sikyong who is the elected head of Tibetans in Exile and the Finance Minister. On the sideline of the Conference, also attended a reception organized by the Capital area Tibetan Association and spoke on various issues.
- Met with the special Assistant of US Tibetan Coordinator and impressed upon her importance of finding meaningful and lasting solution to the Tibetan issue. Appreciated the US stand on Tibet and their support to His Holiness the Dalai Lama.
- Met with the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Indian Embassy and brought to their attention the visa problems faced by Tibetan Origins in the United States.
- Traveled to Toronto, Canada over the weekend of September 6, as Chief Guest of the celebration of Tibetan Democracy Day. Addressed the gathering and urged attendees to preserve and promote Tibetan culture and also had informational exchange with board members who are interested to know more about CAPAA.

Commissioner Lee

- Coordinated meeting with I Corps military support team for 65th Korean War Memorial Anniversary event – 17 Jun 2014.
- Met with Army Band for the same event – 18 Jun 2014
- Participated and MC of Korean War Memorial in Olympia Korean War Memorial place. – 21 Jun 2014
- After Action report of the Korean War Memorial Service and present the Appreciation plague to the Korean Liaison officers. – 27 Jun 2014
- Attended Korean War Veterans Association picnic. – 5 Jul 2014
- Attended Minority Celebration month ceremony in Olympia – 25 July 2014
- Attended Korean War Memorial Service planned by WA State Veterans Affairs Office. – 26 Jul 2014
- Met with Jung Chin, who contacted CAPAA to get some help for Small Business Loan or Women and Minority Business Loan Certification. She did not have computer so I had to print the certificate application and completed it so she could sign. Pending action due to signature of her spouse. - 10 Sep 2014
- Helped a constituent who owns Comfort Suites in Tukwila WA. She purchased 5 King size bed mattresses and 175 queen size mattresses, but the items were damaged upon arrival. That

happened in Feb 2013 and the claim was submitted; however, it has not been resolved. Contacted BBB and currently writing a complaint.

- Attended the 69th Korean Liberation Day celebration held at the Clover Park High school stadium on 9 August

Commissioner Pen

June Report:

1. In June, Commissioner Pen arranged Mr. Ken Ketter, the City of Tacoma's Code enforcement officer to talk about Marijuana Laws, Policy, Prevention & How to report on Violators to
 - 65 Chinese, Japanese and Filipino seniors on Thursday, June 12.
 - 13 Samoan seniors on Friday, June 13.The audience was very appreciative of the helpful information and answers. The Commissioner Pen also provided interpretation for the Cambodian group.
2. On Saturday, June 21st at 8:00pm, Commissioner Pen attended a vigil to end deportation at Tacoma Northwest Detention Center.
3. On Friday, June 27th at 10:00am, Commissioner Pen attended a Marijuana Public Awareness Stakeholder Meeting at the University of Washington Seattle Campus.
4. On Saturday, June 28th at 6:00pm, Commissioner Pen was invited to speak at the United South East Asia Cultural Association's Fundraising dinner.

July Report:

1. In July, Commissioner Pen arranged Mr. **Ray Hing and his team to talk about Family Doctor and what is the best way to find a right doctor that can provide transportation to and from home and an interpreter since most patients can't drive and don't speak English to;**
 - 68 Vietnamese seniors on Monday, July 6th at 10:30am
 - 108 Cambodian seniors on Tuesday, July 7th at 10:30am

The audience was very appreciative of the helpful information and answers. The Commissioner Pen also provided interpretation for the Cambodian group.

2. On Saturday, July 19th at 6:00pm, Commissioner Pen was invited to attend the 10th Years Anniversary for Khmer Krom to join the UNPO.

August Report:

1. In August, Commissioner Pen arranged Mrs. Nadia, City of Tacoma's Assistant City Manager and her team to talk about 2015-2016 City Budget gap that will impact the residents of Tacoma to;
 - 78 Vietnamese seniors on Monday, August 4th at 10:30am.
 - 104 Cambodian seniors on Tuesday, August 5th at 10:30am.
 - 140 Korean seniors on Wednesday, August 5th at 11:30am.
 - 65 Chinese, Japanese and Filipino seniors on Thursday, August 6th at 11:30am.
 - 15 Samoan seniors on Friday, August 8th at 11:30am.

The audience was very appreciative of the helpful information and answers. The Commissioner Pen also provided interpretation for the Cambodian group.

Commissioner Tufono

July:

- Hosted "Da Coconut Wireless Radio Show"-Washington's Only Pacific Islander Music Radio Show.
- Attended the Lynnwood Diversity Commission monthly meeting.
- Participated with planning the first Multi-Cultural Event hosted by the City of Lynnwood called "Celebrate".
- Invited guest speaker for Pacific Islander graduate students receiving their American Citizenship through the services of ACRS.
- Participated with the 'Healthiest Next Generation Initiative" hosted by the Washington Nurses Association and the Washington Governor's Interagency on Health Disparities and Department of Health alongside Commissioner Aragon.
- Appointed by Mayor Nicola Smith and participated in the City of Lynnwood hiring panel for the Lynnwood Fire Chief position.
- Invited by Mayor Nicola Smith and participated in the City of Lynnwood Community Budget Summit.
- Attended the City of Lynnwood Celebrate Event-first of it's kind featuring Multicultural Food, Dance and Arts and Entertainment.
- Organized Pacific Islander Dance Group of White Center to perform at Lynnwood's Celebrate Event.
- Invited to Host the St John's Vicay of Kirkland 1st Annual Community Luau.

August:

- Hosted "Da Coconut Wireless Radio Show" 8/10 & 8/17-Washington's Only Pacific Islander Music Radio Show.
- Participated with the Rugby 7's tournament hosted by Serevi Sports with over 700 Rugby Athletes from around the nation with many being Pacific Islander descent.
- Assisted UPRISE planning committee with fundraising suggestions, ideas and resources.
- Attended the City of Lynnwood Diversity Commission Monthly Meeting.
- Attended the City of Lynnwood City Council Meeting discussing the upcoming Mayors Budget proposal.
- Attended the Snohomish County Latino Youth Leadership Awards Ceremony.
- Attended the Lynnwood Filipino Seniors Club Weekly meeting.

September:

- Hosted "Da Coconut Wireless Radio Show, Washington's Only Pacific Islander Music Radio Show.
- Attended the City of Lynnwood Diversity Commission monthly meeting.
- Attended the City of Lynnwood Parks & Recreation budget proposal meeting.
- Attended the City of Lynnwood Arts Commission budget proposal meeting.
- Attended the PI Health Board Summit-today with Michael Itti.

Commissioner Vue

June

- Represented and attended SEAE D planning meeting: discussed strategic planning for the November SEAE D Summit. Outreach will be more intentional and focused on 4 groups: students/parents, educators, communities, and policy makers.

July

- Represented CAPAA at the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI) Community Roundtable: networked with community based organizations (CBO), shared the need for disaggregation of data on all levels, pushed to build awareness on the state level, business, and among our communities.
- Represented CAPAA at the Wing Luke seminar: 2014 NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture workshop for school teachers. Discussed strategies to take back into the classroom to value Asians in history, empower teachers to delve deeper into the curriculum, and build awareness regarding the influences of Asian Americans in US history.
- Represented CAPAA and discussed and shared ideas for the NWVSA conference. Brainstormed ideas with Johnson N. on how to best engage Vietnamese students in order to empower and support them in developing their identities, knowledge, and embrace their culture in order to serve their communities.

August

- Attended and represented CAPAA at EOGOAC meeting in Olympia to build capacity in her role as a SEA liaison and advocate.
- Represented CAPAA and SEAeD at the Rising SEAs event on the University of WA campus: outreach to SEA students and staff in OMAD (Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity). Discuss and shared feedback for future Rising SEA sessions.
- Represented and led SEAeD meeting and further along the November Summit planning. (i.e. keynote speaker, advertising, outreach, partners, funding, etc...)

September

- Greater Seattle Karen Wrist Tying ceremony: Represented CAPAA and outreach to building community and awareness of CAPAA and resources.
- Represented CAPAA and met with Ben Ibale (WEA) in regards to how to support SEAeD and the SEA communities: discussed partnering/support from WEA, NEA, Rainier Uniserv, RECN, and others to ensure a successful Summit. Discussed outreach, purpose, funding, support, partners, trainings, etc...
- Represented CAPAA at the North West Vietnamese Student Association Conference at Seattle U (NWVSA): network, build awareness among the Vietnamese communities, and support their work to build young leaders.

Commissioner Wada

- Participated at the LEP meeting
- Attended the Korean Chamber of Commerce Small Business Expo to represent the CAPAA and distributed the marijuana brochures
- Attended meetings with Korean Language School and Korean consulate staff to address concerns for marijuana prevention effort for school children and distributed marijuana related information/brochures
- Participated in a talk show at Radio Hankook and Ko-Am TV for the marijuana prevention and general education regarding the passage of the law for marijuana sales in the state

- Attended meetings hosted by Korean Society, KWA, Korean Consulate, Cornerstone Clinic and Korean Counseling Service Center to address health equity and social service needs issues.
- Distributed marijuana related information to major media outlets in Korean Community- 4daily newspaper agencies, 3 weekly news magazines, 1 radio and TV stations.
- Contacted the stakeholders at the Kitsap County to address the lack of resource and outreach efforts for mental health and general healthcare information
- Provided a grant to an organization in Kitsap County to host an outreach event to provide resources and general education on healthcare and Medicare coverage, options, and enrollment information.
- Participated at the meetings with Dept of Health for their Health Equity Initiative charter group discussion and provided input
- Provided input for the Korean translation of the marijuana guide for parents brochure.

Motion was made at 2:06 PM by Commissioner Cabusao and seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn the meeting with unanimous approval.

Minutes prepared by Amy Van.