



The State of Washington

## COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS

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*Improving the lives of Asian Pacific Americans*

### Executive Director's Report August 18, 2007 Spokane Public Library Spokane WA

1. CAPAA's **Financial Report** –It is just the beginning of the new biennium year 2007-09. The Agency's budget for the 2007-09 Biennium Year, operating only, is \$ 257,000 for FY 2008 and \$252,000 for FY 2009 with a total of \$509,000.

Note: The agency received an additional \$52,000 for Website and Database Enhancements in the Department of Information Services Budget. Please see attached sheet...

2. CAPAA is undergoing **Audit for 2003 to 2007** at the present time... The audit entrance meeting is on August 23 with the state auditor's office and Chair Tony Lee. So far, we have provided the state auditor with board minutes from 2003-2007, CAPAA's Information Technology Portfolio and Interagency Agreement with SACS. Please See attached documents.
3. CAPAA's **IT Portfolio & letter of compliance**- We have just submitted our 2007-09 IT portfolio as requested by the Office of Financial Management.
4. **Whistleblower Complaint** against our former Executive Assistant, Jovi Legaspi. The Ethics Board is asking for the hard drives and CD's related to the computer used by Jovi Legaspi and which were retrieved by General Administration IT department. All of the above requests have already been sent to their office.
5. **EDUCATION: P-20 Council**- is tasked with tracking progress on the Washington Learns Long-term Goals and on the specific investments that have been made. The P-20 Council will Use existing and new measures to collect data and track changes. The Governor Will convene the Council and will be staffed and supported by the Office of Financial Management.

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#### Agency Overview

The CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring 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.

ACTION ITEM: The CAPAA board needs to assess the membership of the Education Committee and should convene a meeting amongst the membership so CAPAA can participate in the planning meeting with OSPI with regards to recommendations to the P-20 Council. On the first meeting, these are the points that Tony Lee and myself brought up with OSPI:

1. Main concern is closing the achievement gap. The report of Washington Learns did not target the How to's. CAPAA would like to see specific measures done like summer classes, longer hours, smaller class sizes.
2. Community based organizations and parent empowerment- where is in the process. Family engagement and community partnership is not even addressed.
3. Drop-out prevention program- CAPAA would like to see stronger programs in addressing the drop-out retrieval that is systematic and workable.
4. Higher Education- we are referring to our low-income adults which are usually people of color. Less than 15% of our ABE-ESL students do not have the opportunity to go to post secondary education. Less than 6% are able to get a social arts degree or one year credential. We would like to see the numbers go up.
5. Professional development for all teachers working with the Ells. What is OSPI's plan in this area?
6. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

A.) Received a **\$500 donation** from the **Muckleshoot Charity Fund** for the Certification Workshop for August 27, 2007 at the Jackson Safeco Center. We have two community outreach persons for King County and Snohomish County, Lito Adrillana and Phil Craig respectively, to follow up on the participants that attended the Diversity Business Summit on November 9, 2006. One of the requirements for attendance is for the business owners to fill out a Business Profile Information form. Please see attached document.

**B.) FY 07 Linked Deposit Report-**

This information is in draft form from OMWBE and has not yet been formalized. Enrolled Loans by Ethnic Group:

African American	1	\$ 2,841,055
Asian American	4	\$20,836,054
Native American	1	\$ 200,000
Hispanic American	5	\$ 1,263,491
Caucasian Women	5	\$11,900.587

As you can see, Asian businesses have the largest enrolled loans.

C.) ACTION ITEM: Increased certification with OMWBE is one of Governor Gregoire's mandates for our agency, our GMAP (Government Management Accountability Performance). So I proposed an initiative with OMWBE to have a tutorial CD/DVD to be produced for all ethnic commissions on the certification workshop. It can also be accessed Through our **WEBSITE**, and it can be replayed over and over again in many

different sites and training venues. I have proposed that Governor Gregoire will introduce it with a video message and it will be followed by HOW TO'S. Jared and I have met with DIS, OMWBE and DIS will give us a cost estimate on August 20. I will make a presentation with OMWBE at the brown bag lunch of Executive directors to Joyce Turner, our Deputy Chief of Staff. We will save some funds if this is done collaboratively with the ethnic Commissions. I have already talked with Uriel Iniguez of CHA and he is amenable with the proposal. I will need to talk to Roz Jenkins of CAAA and Craig Bill of GOIA. I have met with the new director of OMWBE, Cynthia Cooper, and she is excited to work with the ethnic Commissions on this project. Funding for this will come from the \$52,000 that each Commission has gotten from the 2007 operating budget for IT enhancements. DIS could have them in translated form in 5 major languages in the APIA community.

7. **HEALTH CARE-**

CAPAA is working with the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities. The Council is charged with, among other things, making recommendations to improve the availability of culturally appropriate health Literature and interpretive services within the health-related agencies.

The Council seeks input from the Asian and Pacific Islander community in order to help guide the development of these recommendations. Specifically, the Council hopes to hear from the Asian and Pacific Islander Community about:

- Barriers to communication in the health care setting.
- Ideas for improving communication in the health care setting.
- Trusted sources where the community goes for health information.
- Suggestions for improving the quality and availability of health education materials.
- Experiences using the medical interpreters or cultural navigators.

The Council will use the information shared during this forum to identify policy recommendations that will be shared with the Governor and the Washington State Legislature.

**ACTION ITEM:**

- 1.) At CAPAA's public forum at the Spokane Board Meeting, Christy Curwick from the Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council on Health Disparities will pass out the Public Input Survey on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Since I am a member of the Council as a representative from CAPAA, I will help Christy facilitate a discussion on language access issues.
  - 2.) We need to get more membership from our CAPAA board to be under the Health/Social Services committee.
8. CAPAA's new 2007 brochures and newsletter are out! Please use them in your community Forums!