



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

Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Board Meeting

General Administration Building, Auditorium

210 11th Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98504

January 21, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Regular Business

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

Welcome and introductions were given. Meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Lisa Dickinson, Zer Vue, Lakshmi Gaur, Mohan Gurung, Lori Wada, Nam Nguyen, Tam Dinh, Ka`imi Sinclair, Roslyn Guerrero

Commissioners Absent: Ty Tufono, Darren Pen, Lynette Finau

Staff: Executive Director, Michael Itti; Project Coordinator, Brianne Ramos; Legislative Intern, Anuilagi Nguyen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made at 10:13 a.m. by Commissioner Gaur to approve the agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Dinh. With no further changes, the agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2016 MINUTES

Motion was made at 10:15 a.m. by Commissioner Gaur to approve the November 19, 2016 meeting minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Vue. With no further changes, the minutes were unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Itti provided the Director's Report overview including an update on the Commission's financial report, legislative session, agency outreach, community events, and issue areas. View the full report here: <http://capaa.wa.gov/executive-directors-report-for-january-21-2017/>.

RACE & ETHNICITY STUDENT DATA TASK FORCE UPDATE

Brianne Ramos, Project Coordinator, CAPAA

Background:

- RESD Task Force is authorized by state legislature to provide statewide guidance on how to improve race and ethnicity data collection and reporting at the school, school district, and state level.

- Tasked to publish race and ethnicity guidance for Washington by June of 2017

Guiding Principles:

- Equity – create an equity-driven system that uses disaggregated data to better support students and families
- Systemic change – proposes an effective accountability system for collecting/reporting data
- Advocacy – utilize data to advocate for underserved populations
- Serve communities – data on race and ethnicity is transparent, culturally competent, and utilized to serve all students, parents, and communities

Progress:

- Conducted research on race and ethnicity standards in other states
- RESD conducted a statewide survey for schools and school districts about their policies for collecting race/ethnicity data

The RESD Task Force will be hosting a community forum on March 1, 2017 at Highline College. Members of the community are invited to attend.

Members of the Commission provided the following feedback:

- Inquiry about how community members can provide feedback
- Concerns about clarity on certain options
- Creation of guidelines around how to determine which ethnicities to include

GOVERNOR & CAPAA BUDGET PROPOSAL

Overview of Governor's Budget:

- Governor Inslee released his 2017-19 proposal: www.ofm.wa.gov/budget17/default.asp
- House and Senate will draft its own proposals and negotiate with the governor to develop a final budget
- The new budget begins on July 1, 2017

Highlights of Budget:

- Fully funds basic education
- Invests in quality teachers & closing the opportunity gap
- Continues expansion of state's early learning program with 2,700 more slots
- Freezes college/university tuition and boosts financial aid for 14,000 more students

Capital Budget Proposal:

- Invests in the following projects serving AAPI communities:
 - Asia Pacific Cultural Center (\$2 million)
 - Aging in Pace (\$3 million)
 - Filipino Community of Seattle (\$600,000)

CAPAA Budget Proposal:

- Needs assessment: Assess Washington’s Asian American and Pacific Islander communities about education, health and human services and economic development to inform the public, state agencies and policymakers about needs.
- Expanded outreach: Funding will also allow the commission to hold some of its meetings in Eastern Washington and fund additional translation and interpretation services.
- Desktop Support Services
- Lease Adjustments

2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Overview:

- The 105-day session began on January 9 and is scheduled to end on April 23
- Objectives
 - Approve a new two-year state budget
 - Comply with the McCleary ruling
 - Pass news laws

CAPAA Bill Tracking & Updates

- Weekly updates posted on the website and social media on upcoming bills scheduled for public hearings
- Tracking list of legislation that may impact AAPIs and bills that align with CAPAA’s legislative priorities
- Periodic email updates, sign up at <http://eepurl.com/cwSaHy>

Accessing the Legislature

- Visit <http://capaa.wa.gov/advocacy/access-the-legislature/>
- Legislative Hotline: 1-800-562-6000 (for non-English speaking callers, the Hotline offers interpreter services for many languages.)
- Visit www.leg.wa.gov for bill information, e-mail addresses, legislative schedule & public hearings
- APA Legislative Day on February 23

CAPAA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Commissioners discussed the 2017 legislative priorities and suggested amendments. The amended priorities were passed as follows:

Education | Closing the Opportunity Gaps

- Expand early learning programs for our most vulnerable by providing more access for children eligible for the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program. Include resources to educate parents, utilizing culturally appropriate strategies such as translation and recorded messages, about the early learning system.
- Support legislation to implement the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee’s 2017 recommendations.
- Direct significant McCleary funding to close the opportunity gaps and provide additional investments to fully implement House Bill 1541 strategies. These include:
 - Increasing funding for the Learning Assistance Program;

- Improving educator cultural competence;
 - Increasing ELL program quality and accountability;
 - Further disaggregating student data;
 - Diversifying the teaching profession; and
 - Providing wrap-around services and ensuring integration with school and community-based supports.
- Provide equitable resources and strategies, such as a statewide campaign, to recruit, retain, train, and hire more bicultural/bilingual teachers. Increase cultural competency of current teachers through professional development opportunities.
 - Support programs and policies that promote and value home languages, cultures, and diversity in school curriculum and the classroom.
 - Address the unmet interpretation and translation needs of limited English proficient parents by providing adequate and certified interpreters for school meetings and ensure schools implement a Language Access Policy and Procedure.
 - Invest in outreach efforts and translated materials to educate families about changes to state testing and high school graduation requirements.
 - Provide adequate funding for family and community engagement coordinators and develop best practices for serving diverse communities.
 - Support financial assistance, recruitment, and outreach programs to help middle and high school students, particularly those from underrepresented Pacific Islander and Southeast Asian communities, to attend college.
 - Support civics education to ensure API communities understand their rights and the role of government.

Health and Human Services

- The Commission supports HB 1291, which would improve health care access for Pacific Islanders from the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. These communities previously had access to Medicaid but were excluded in 1996 despite having a unique relationship with the United States.
- Improve the collection of disaggregated health data for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.
- Provide targeted funding for culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health programs and services, including strategies to reduce stigma and barriers, increase public awareness, train health professionals and educators, and recruit bilingual/bicultural providers.
- Support culturally and linguistically appropriate strategies to address problem gambling.
- Increase funding for youth marijuana and e-cigarette prevention programs, particularly for culturally and linguistically appropriate strategies.
- Ensure AAPIs who receive health insurance through the Affordable Care Act continue to have coverage and receive information about federal law changes through community engagement efforts.
- Support policies to decrease disparities in environmental exposure leading to poor health outcomes.
- Increase access to affordable housing and implement equitable strategies to prevent homelessness, including research and data collection on AAPI housing and homelessness.
- Create a policy to enable patients the ability to request translated directions on prescription drug labels to improve their health and safety.
- Support programs and policies that address the high rate of diabetes among API communities

- Support efforts to advance Precision Medicine in Washington State to provide better individualized care.
- The Commission supports SB 5046, which would provide public notices of public health, safety, and welfare in a language other than English. Furthermore, the Commission urges the use of culturally appropriate communication strategies and distribution methods.

Economic Development

- Support policies, programs, and services to increase state certification and utilization of minority, veteran, and women-owned businesses.
- Provide funding to improve the usability of the state online system for businesses and vendors to search and respond to Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for state contracts.
- Support policies to improve the collection of disaggregated data related to economic issues for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.
- Support programs and services to grow small businesses such as export assistance, financing, and removing barriers to entry.
- Provide continuing education on wage and labor rule changes while fostering professional and economic advancement and encourage consistent collaboration and partnership within the API business community.
- Support mitigation efforts to assist neighborhoods in Seattle impacted by Regional Transit Authority construction.

Immigration

- Protect funding for services provided by the Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance such as the Limited English Proficient Pathway program, Washington Basic Food Program, and more.
- Increase funding for Naturalization Services, particularly for translated educational materials, to help immigrants and refugees who receive public assistance become citizens, thus making them eligible for federal benefits and not reliant on state programs such as state food assistance.
- Increase funding for the Washington New Americans program that provides citizenship services to eligible immigrants through direct services and free legal clinics.
- Protect and educate undocumented residents, refugees, and immigrants currently residing in the state.

Civil Rights

- Support the Task Force on the Use of Deadly Force in Community Policing recommendations to increase police accountability while still protecting officers who reasonably believe using deadly force is necessary. Additional recommendations included providing more funding for police training, improving data collection on the use of force, and increasing availability of less lethal options.
- Ensure implementation of the REAL ID Act does not disparately impact communities of color.
- Increase access to translated materials for voter registration and education and translated ballots.
- Support the Washington Voting Rights Act to ensure fair representation for all communities in local elections.
- Support youth/young adult leadership and civic engagement programs for civically underrepresented communities.

The Commission board created a Civil Rights and Immigration Committee. Commissioners Guerrero, Vue, Gaur, and Nguyen volunteered to serve on the committee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vue to approve CAPAA's 2017 legislative priorities and was seconded by Commissioner Gaur with no further discussion and unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Denise Mino, Community Member

- Leaders from various state agencies will be attending the 2017 Ethnic Legislative Reception.

CAPAA SPECIAL MEETING DISCUSSION

Commissioners discussed the purpose of the retreat, which would include group processes and decision-making in order to advance its objectives in 2017.

Commissioners will review the facilitator proposals and provide feedback to staff and the Executive Committee. They also authorized the Executive Committee to choose a facilitator based off of the Commission feedback and recommendations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dinh to allocate up to \$7000 from the Commission's donation account to be used for a CAPAA special meeting, which includes group facilitation and travel costs for all commissioners, and to explore other options for funding future special meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guerrero with no further discussion and unanimous approval.

POLICY MANUAL UPDATES

The board reviewed the policy updates presented by the Policy Review Committee. Motion was made by Commissioner Vue to approve the policy updates as amended by the Committee and was seconded by Commissioner Gaur. With no further discussion, the updates were unanimously approved.

The board reviewed the external sponsorship policy presented by the Policy Review Committee. Motion was made by Commissioner Guerrero to approve the policy updates as amended by the Committee and was seconded by Commissioner Dinh. With no further discussion, the updates were unanimously approved.

SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS

Commissioners reviewed the sponsorship requests and whether each request met CAPAA's external sponsorship guidelines.

Ke Kukui Foundation: CAPAA will provide sponsorship of \$500 to the Ke Kukui Foundation on July 1, 2017.

Asian Coalition for Equality at UW: CAPAA will provide ACE \$200 for the Asians Collaborating Together Conference.

Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project Event: CAPAA will be recognized as a co-sponsor and agrees to publicize the event.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gaur to approve the sponsorship requests and was seconded by Commissioner Dinh with no further discussion and unanimous approval. Commissioner Guerrero abstained from voting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Vue to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Guerrero with no further discussion and unanimous approval. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Minutes prepared by Brianne Ramos.