



The State of Washington
COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS

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Improving the lives of Asian Pacific Americans

Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Board Meeting

Korean Women's Association
123 East 96th Street, Tacoma, WA 98445
Saturday, September 19, 2015

Regular Business

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

Welcome and introductions were given. Meeting was called to order at 10:01 am.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

- Lakshmi Gaur
- Ka`imi Sinclair
- Tam Dinh

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Ty Tufono, Lisa Dickinson, Zer Vue, Lakshmi Guar, Ka`imi Sinclair, Tam Dinh, Darren Pen, Lynette Finau

Commissioners Absent: Tashi Khamshitsang, Gerardine Cabusao, Mohan Gurung, Lori Wada

Staff: Executive Director, Michael Itti, Project Coordinator, Brianne Ramos

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Dickinson to approve the amended agenda and seconded by Commissioner Pen. With no further changes the agenda was unanimously approved at 10:08 am.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 20, 2015 MINUTES

Motion was made at 10:10 am by Commissioner Vue and seconded by Commissioner Tufono with no amendments and unanimous approval.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Commissioner Dickinson nominated Tufono for Chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Vue and was unanimously approved with no other nominations.

Commissioner Tufono nominated Commissioner Dickinson for 1st Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Pen and was unanimously approved with no other nominations.

Commissioner Dickinson nominated Commissioner Vue for 2nd Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Tufono and was unanimously approved with no other nominations.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Itti provided Director's Report overview.

OVERVIEW OF KOREAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (KWA) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, COMMUNITY & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ROADMAP

Peter Ansara, Executive Director, KWA

Suzanne Pak, Director of Community and Behavioral Health, KWA

KWA board member gives welcome to the Commission. Director Ansara recognizes Commissioner Pen for the work they've done together over the years.

Background: Started in 1972 by a club for Korean women to provide support while their spouse was away serving in the military. Now, they have multiple locations in Washington and over 100 employees.

Services:

- Meal sites: International, Korean, Cambodian
- Homecare services in various languages
- Low income housing for entry-level employees and disabled adults
- Senior housing development
- Multi-cultural domestic violence shelter
 - 24/7 hotline
 - Counsel and legal services
- Basic food outreach-SNAP
- Emergency case management services
- Health Benefit Exchange assistance
- Immigration support services for multiple languages

KWA is shifting from solely social services to a more holistic healthcare organization and is currently focusing their services on mental health, behavioral health, and stomach cancer prevention. KWA is interested in building a clinic within the next 3-5 years.

Community and Behavioral Health at KWA

- In 2011, KWA received national recognition for senior housing.
- Department of Health mortality data-DOH only reports out on 3 ethnic groups (Chinese, Japanese, Filipino), and all other ethnic groups are reported out as "other Asian."
 - Issue: The data shows that "other Asians" have worse health outcomes than the ethnic groups that are actually being reported out
- KWA received 3 year grant from Verdant to conduct education classes for the AAPI community
 - Everyday prevention programs on a monthly basis-cancer prevention, nutrition, fall prevention, physical health
- Stomach Cancer Conference on October 30th through funding from PCORI
 - Stomach cancer disproportionately affects AAPI communities
 - KWA is finding that there is a link between substance use and stomach cancer

- Provides education on colorectal cancer
 - Korean and Vietnamese populations have the lowest screening rates for colorectal cancer
- KWA is teaming up with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and the Korean American Health Professionals Association (KAHPA) to provide alcohol and tobacco screening with primary care providers using a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)

- SBIRT improves access to behavioral health in 3 ways:
 1. Awareness of need: screening
 2. Motivation to seek help: brief intervention
 3. Access to behavioral health: referral to treatment
- Issue: SBIRT is not being implemented with limited English proficient communities who go to smaller clinics
- Issue: Very few mental health clinics take Medicaid
- SBIRT in action at KWA:
 - Conducting community education
 - Conducting media communication-ethnic media, Seattle Times monthly articles
 - Facilitating provider training with DSHS
 - Assisting with wellness checkup scheduling

Announcements:

- KWA is hiring caregivers starting in January
- Cancer Navigator Program: Helps community members navigate the health system with cancer screening and getting treatment
 - KWA has partnered with the Samoan Nurses Association to provide the program in multiple languages

Q & A

Commissioner Dinh: I've noticed that the media communication is great for younger groups, but what are you doing differently to communicate with older generations?

Pak: Even though it's harder to convince older generations to get treatment, it's easier to reach out to them because we have partnerships with temples and churches. We've found that it's harder to reach out to second generation populations, and we are partnering with parents, schools, and church youth groups in order to reach them.

Commissioner Gaur: How can KWA partner with the Indian Association to provide similar resources to the Indian American community?

Pak: Yes, that is a great idea. Senator Jayapal will be the closing speaker for the Stomach Cancer Conference and has mentioned this partnership as well.

Commissioner Pen: Asking for support from CAPAA and the community for KWA's meal sites.

COMMON CORE: INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Ready Washington Coalition

Chris Barron, Communications Manager, Partnership for Learning

Background: Ready Washington Coalition began almost three years ago, and is comprised of state and local education agencies and organizations that support college and career ready learning standards and assessments. All state education agencies and numerous education advocacy organizations around the State.

Equity in education

- Setting high standards because jobs of the future require higher level of learning
- Of recent high school graduates, 54% have to take at least one remedial class in math or English

K-12 learning standards

- Learning standards include many subjects: arts, sciences, social studies, health and fitness, etc.
- Common Core math and English language arts are part of Washington's K-12 learning standards

Common Core State standards:

- Allow students to apply the skills and knowledge they learned in the previous grade to real-life situations
- Go deeper into few topics and focus on developing the students' understanding of key concepts

Ready WA accomplishments:

- Conducted 2 media roundtables to build baseline of knowledge for reporters
- Conducted 5 tele-town halls in summer
- Produced 3 smarter balanced videos
- Translated 5 primary documents into 6 languages
- Worked with state PTA on parent outreach grant-build awareness of understanding Common Core

Connect with the Ready Washington Coalition:

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/ReadyWA
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/ReadyWA
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/ReadyWA

Resources:

- www.watesting.com
- www.readywa.org
- <https://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us>

Common Core, Assessment Update – Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Robin Munson, Assistant Superintendent, Assessment and Student Information, OSPI

Test format for Smarter Balanced Tests

- All grades had the option to test online instead of on paper
- Not all schools have computers/technology, so had to make an option for paper to account for those students

- Grade 10 had the biggest participation for paper tests

2015 results will set a new baseline of student performance in WA

- Common Core test results should not be compared to older test formats
- Some students will be able to meet the challenge, some will be close, and some who previously were able to meet the challenge may not reach the new baseline at first
- In comparison to the WASL, student performance was also low at the beginning and scores increased with each year
- Among NHPI students, the data shows that test scores dropped with older students

Comparisons of WA test scores to other states:

- About 20 states participated in Smarter Balanced last year
- WA tied with Missouri for grade 5 students meeting standard in English
- WA had highest results in grades 7 and 8 in English
- WA has highest proportion of students meeting or exceeding a passing grade for 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th in math
- 74% of grade 10 students meet the standard

Q & A

Commissioner Vue: I have never seen the State Learning Standard & Testing handout.

Barron: It was just released in August. We are hoping to include it in score reports.

Commissioner Vue: What trainings/services will be provided for educators to help ELL students?

Munson: We need to rely on our regional partners to deliver professional development trainings. Our ELL program is trying to augment and tie in to program at younger grades to help students/families understand Common Core standards.

Commissioner Finau: I would like to present this information to my school district. Last year, my 11th grade students were doing everything they could to opt out of the test and I would like to show them why Common Core is important.

Barron: Ready WA is working with the higher education community to educate people that Common Core can replace college placement test scores.

Munson: The test is going to be hard because it measures the rigorous learning material.

Commissioner Finau: I would like parents from our community to understand how important it is to take the test and the value of it. We went from WASL, HSPE, to Smarter Standards. How long will we be with Smarter Standards?

Munson: We hope to stay with this standard testing for a long time.

Barron: It is important to reach out to lawmakers to advocate for sticking with this set of standard testing.

Commissioner Vue: I've noticed that majority of students who are not passing are ELL students.

Munson: For high school graduation, students can retake the test or do other things to meet the equivalent requirement.

Commissioner Tufono: Ready WA and OSPI need to reach out to the ethnic commissions to work together and educate the community about the standards.

Commissioner Vue: I would like to be involved in community forums.

Commissioner Finau: Please utilize us, especially since Commissioner Vue and I are one of the few teachers who represent our community.

ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER CAUCUS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

John Wiesman, Secretary of Health, Department of Health

Gail Brandt nominated CAPAA for an award by the Asian Pacific Islander Caucus for Public Health of the APHA. CAPAA came in third place for the Community Organization Recognition Award and it will be presented at a national meeting on November 3rd in Chicago.

CAPAA achievements:

- Data disaggregation to better capture the diversity of the community
- Advocacy of education for preventing underage marijuana use, translated materials, treatment
- General work around improving access to healthcare
- Work around health equity and understanding disparities—learning underlying social determinants
- Work on mental health and mental health in communities of color
- Work around diabetes and diabetes self-management

Note from Gail: Thanks to Michael and the Commission for their advocacy and work to meet the needs of the community they serve.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND CAPAA'S ADVISORY ROLE

RaShelle Davis, Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Jay Inslee

- RaShelle's role: Acts as a liaison between CAPAA and the Governor's Office.
- To the Commissioners: Thank you for your long-term commitment and service to the State of Washington. The Governor is appreciative of the work you do.

Updates on 2015 Legislative Session:

- WA is currently being fined \$100,000 a day because of the McCleary decision. Governor Inslee called legislators back for this upcoming week to make a decision on education.
- Voting Rights Act: Representative Moscoso and Senator Jayapal were instrumental in its process. The bill did not pass, but they are continuing to work on it.
- The upcoming session is a short session. All agencies required to submit budget and policy recommendations to the Governor's Office.
- Oregon HB-access to Medicaid funding, possibility of bringing it to State of Washington
 - Initial look shows that we do not need legislation to do this work, but can do it through a policy change instead.

Updates from the Governor's Office:

- President of China will be meeting with the Governor

- Several new appointments: The Department of Early Learning and the Office of Education Ombuds both have new directors
- October 21: the Governor is holding a meeting to hear directly from small businesses
- Apply for other boards and commissions—there are 150 different boards and commissions

Suggestion to Commissioners:

- API Legislative Day: Pick three items to talk about with the Governor instead of a long list. Be critical in thinking about what issues to push through.
- Communicate the support you need as Commissioners.

Q & A:

Commissioner Dickinson: We appreciate you being here and learning about our issues. If you hear there is something on the calendar we might be interested in, please inform us in advance so we can send a representative or be there to participate.

Commissioner Dinh: I'm still learning about my role with the Commission, but I am wondering what are financial resources we could use to educate the community?

Commissioner Tufono: How do we get access to funding for projects?

Davis: We can organize training with your fiscal analyst to talk about budget and how to propose funding. We can also have a special meeting with Commissioners to train on the legislative and budget process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Oscar Hilman, President, Filipino Community Alliance

- Thank you to Michael for his help on an endorsed letter to award the Congressional gold medal to Filipino Veterans who served in World War II.
- HR 2737: Filipino Veterans of WWII Congressional Gold Medal Act 2015
- Next month is Filipino American History Month for Washington and FCA is hosting an event at the Museum of Glass in Tacoma.

Q & A:

Commissioner Pen: Are you involved with the Filipino Consular visit?

Hilman: We asked the San Francisco Consulate to come here and help with citizenship access. We are charging \$20 per person for the event and the money goes towards a scholarship.

Amy Van, Washington State Charter Schools Association

- There are 1300 students enrolled in charter schools throughout the Spokane and Puget Sound regions
- The CEO of WSCSA learned that the court has approved request for an extension. We have until October 23rd to request for reconsideration of the ruling.

Q & A:

Commissioner Dickinson: How are charter schools different from public schools?

Van: We are trying to educate communities to see charter schools as a viable option. Selling point: Charter schools tend to be smaller in population size, and most schools only reach 500 to 550 students. This leads to more understanding of the population being served. Each school is essentially its own school district and makes its own decisions on funding instead of through politics of public schools. These schools have to perform better than public school districts. They have to show better academics and accountability. If they fall under 20%, they are put on probation.

Commissioner Tufono: The media is stating that charter schools want public funding but want to be privately run. How do you respond to that viewpoint?

Van: All of our students are enrolled under the presumption that they are attending public school, and parents are taxpayers so it would make sense that their tax dollars would be following where their children are.

Commissioner Tufono: How many of your enrolled students are API?

Van: That info is slowly rolling out. I've been pushing to have them report out disaggregated data.

Commissioner Vue: How do they recruit teachers?

Van: They follow the same hiring procedures as other districts. We go through Teach for America and the Martinez Foundation as well.

Van: I would like to extend an invitation to Commissioners to take a tour of a charter school.

Sulja Warnick, Former CAPAA Commissioner

- Welcoming remarks
- Reflection on her time as a Commissioner
- What action will CAPAA take on Common Core?

Commissioner Tufono: Our education committee will be meeting to discuss it further. We asked to see a copy of the test and we are still holding them accountable.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Director Itti provided updates to the strategic plan and announced upcoming community events.

Economic Development: Lisa Dickinson, Ty Tufono, Mohan Gurung, Lori Wada

Education: Zer Vue, Lynette Finau, Tashi Khamshitsang

Health & Human Services: Lakshmi Gaur, Ka`imi Sinclair, Tam Dinh, Darren Pen, Gerardine Cabusao

APA Heritage Month Liaison: Ty Tufono

COMMISSIONER REPORT OUT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Tufono: Emceeding reception for AANAPISI art gallery at South Seattle College. Tomorrow hosting Da Coconut Wireless radio. Representing Commission and delivering speech for WHIAAPI in Honolulu.

Commissioner Dickinson: ABAW is having its annual dinner on October 23rd. Tickets are \$100 and benefit student scholarships for five students. Vietnamese American Bar Association is having a dinner on October 14th. FLOW is having its Barrio Fiesta at the Filipino Community Center and will be passing

out scholarships. The South Asian Bar Association reception is on November 6th and they will be passing out scholarships.

Commissioner Vue: The SEAed Coalition is starting to plan its next summit in 2016. We currently have a fellowship for high school and college students, and award a \$1000 scholarship. South Seattle College is hosting an AANAPISI art gallery from September-November. Working on a PowerPoint to inform school districts and the community about CAPAA

Commissioner Finau: Brought two students to today's CAPAA meeting to encourage leadership development. I was hired in the Bethel School District at Spanaway Lake High School to teach juniors and seniors. Spoke with a Samoan community member who is interested in becoming a teacher and working to build a Pacific Islander teacher pipeline. I also met with Amy Ruble to talk about internship opportunities for AAPI students.

Commissioner Pen: I think it would be good to give students community service hours for coming to board meetings. I am still working on the PEACE project in the City of Tacoma and working on community collaboration with law enforcement. In our next meeting we will talk about burglary prevention.

Commissioner Dinh: I have been working on introducing myself to different communities and building networks, starting with the Vietnamese community and compiling a list of different API organizations.

Commissioner Sinclair: I received a grant of \$10,000 to do research with NHPI men and how masculinity affects their health. I also received a grant to do hula with Native Hawaiians who have hypertension. In 2017, the Hawaiian Civic Club will be having its national meeting in SeaTac.

Commissioner Gaur: I am active in IAWW. I have been hearing a lot about domestic violence cases through Social Programs at IAWW. We have seminars every Thursday, and on October 1st we will have a community conversation on low self-esteem and depression. Every Thursday is a senior lunch and yoga. We are hosting a Festival of Lights on November 14th at UW Kane Hall. On October 22nd, IAWW is hosting a fall prevention seminar with Harborview Medical Center.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pen to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Gaur with no further discussion and unanimous approval. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Minutes prepared by Brianne Ramos.