



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**

City of Lacey Maintenance and Service Center

1200 College Street Southeast

Lacey, WA 98504

Saturday, March 21, 2015

**Regular Business**

**INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Welcome and introductions were given. Meeting was called to order at 10:08 am.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Sofia Aragon, Ty Tufono, Lisa Dickinson, Mohan Gurung, Jeannie Lee, Darren Pen, Gerardine Cabusao

Commissioners Absent: Lynette Finau, Debadutta Dash, Zer Vue, Lori Wada, Tashi Khamshitsang

Staff: Executive Director, Michael Itti, Project Manager, Amy Van

**Executive Director Report**

Director Itti provided Director's Report overview. [View the full report.](#)

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Dickinson to approve the amended agenda and seconded by Commissioner Tufono. With no further changes the agenda was unanimously approved at 10:20 am.

**Approval of January 17, 2015 Minutes**

Motion was made at 10:22 am by Commissioner Dickinson to approve the minutes with amendments and seconded by Commissioner Tufono with unanimous approval.

**Department of Health  
Marijuana Education and Tobacco Prevention**

Paul Davis, Manager

- Revenue update: Marijuana taxes have yet to funnel through to the programs housed at the Department of Health (DOH) and Liquor Control Board (LCB).
- Laws related to marijuana: 21 years and over; illegal to drive while under the influence; illegal to use in the view of the public.

- DOH has to do three things with the initiative:
  - Marijuana use public health hotline, purpose is to provide resources for substance abuse (recommends treatment facilities)
  - Media based education campaign
  - Community grants program to prevent/reduce marijuana use by youth
- Changes to today's marijuana: different consumption methods: topical, vaporizing, tinctures, edibles

## Q & A

Question: Is the Dept. of Transportation testing for these kinds of products?  
They can, under federal law it is still illegal,

Question: How long does it last in the body system?  
Depends on your body type and other factors like age and body fat content.

Question: Do the pipes contain chemicals as well?  
Unsure, but DOH is discussing ways to test materials that would increase the chemical potency in marijuana usage

(Continuation of presentation)

- Concern for advertising of marijuana, particularly ads that appeal to youth
- Medical marijuana vs. recreational
  - CBD vs. THC
- Ability for public to know what they're getting in marijuana content
- Overview of health impacts, evidence based approach to looking at risks with marijuana usage
  - Marijuana is addictive
  - Health consequences associated with marijuana smoke
  - Health risks to infants of mothers
  - Mental health concerns
  - Driving while under the influence is not safe
- Overview of what parents should know
- Improving quality of data; current data shows:
  - There is more use of marijuana than tobacco in last 30 days (via Healthy Youth Survey)
  - Healthy youth survey is using a state sample which isn't everybody; survey results likely underreports usage
  - E-cigarettes are a concern
- Reducing usage: local coalitions, media, community efforts and establishing norms
- Group findings; HYS web site allows you to run your own report

Question: How does this info translate to nurses and physicians for clients?  
DOH has a list of health care providers, Washington is connected with Colorado to ensure that there is similar messages about marijuana across states.

## Department of Enterprise Services

Arlen Harris, Government Relations

Chris Liu, Executive Director

- Overview of mission, goals and future efforts

- Action plan to address inclusion concern in public contracting and procurements
- DES supports the delivery of government services, and was created by merging portions or all of DIS, OFM, State Printer, General Admin; Personnel, mailing service
- Provides vehicles, real estate transactions and act as project managers for public contracting and monitors risk management for the state; seeks to improve visitor services
- Making government more efficient, initiate efforts to help government be more lean and streamlined and accessible to local businesses and users
- Accomplishments: consolidate vehicles with state agencies, including providing electric and hybrid cars for ecological reasons; master contracts available to various local governmental entities and tribes; expanding and diversifying contracts and procurements, saving money for agencies and identifying vendors who are overcharging
- Facility project accomplishments: helps to secure various construction projects; rehabilitation of Capitol Campus
- Legislative priorities:
  - Hiring veterans
  - Improving job order contracting to provide more opportunity for small businesses, including minority and women owned businesses; electronic signatures (for easier purchasing and contracting); seeking guidance from community to increase opportunities for them to do business with the state
  - DES Director Contract Authority
  - Small Works Roster and small business bond limits (from \$30k to \$150k)

Question: How can we improve the quality of translations by working with translation vendors that contract with state agencies?

- Person vs. machine translation
- Outreach to communities when it's time to rebid
- Review prioritizing price vs. quality

Would like to come back to give number for contract and public works to show inclusion and diversity numbers next quarter.

### **Educational Opportunity Gap**

Staff provided overview of the 2015 Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee list of recommendations and the National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education (CARE) data report on the opportunity gaps of AAPI students in Washington.

### **Public Comment**

Thomasina Rogers

- School Principal in Kitsap County, has concerns about parent and community access to information about Common Core and Smarter Balance Assessment that are being implemented in schools. There is currently no parent-friendly material from school districts about these changes; need translated materials. Request CAPAA follow up with OSPI to address this concern, perhaps model after PTA fact page.
- How to communicate information to families about Common Core State Standards?
- Ensure K-12 invest in wrap-around services.

- Suggestion for future education data: Look into McKinney Vento Act which will provide information on student homelessness.

Michael Gray

- Worked closely with Hmong Student Association.
- Suggest CAPAA also include opportunities for students to explore and pursue higher education and professional careers in addition to K-12 efforts.

## **2015 Legislative Session Update**

### **Strategic Plan**

Health & Human Services Committee

- Reviewed the In Person Assister Fact Sheet; suggested update to list WA state AAPI uninsured data;
- Next steps: Staff to send out an update for committee to review
- DONE: Information about Wahine fitness program posted to CAPAA website.

Economic Development Committee

- Discussed 12 dollar minimum wage bill as a concern
- Possible action items include surveying small business owners on actual impact of implementation of \$12 minimum wage
- Widespread Contact-Your-Legislator campaign to encourage small business owner's participation (develop a toolkit)
- Research and identify active Chambers of Commerce and contact information
- Next steps: Committee chair to lead e-mail discussion on selecting priority item to make progress or complete by next board meeting

CAPAA Education Committee

- Members not in attendance, however, staff updated Board Members about the recent Education Forum
- Next steps: Schedule next committee meeting to determine work plan through end of 2015

### **COMMISSIONER REPORT OUT**

- Commissioner Cabusao: NW Justice Project working to reach Vietnamese populations. Community is hosting an Anniversary Dinner and also a birthday celebration for former Commissioner Pascua.
- Commissioner Gurung: Nepali language school active with 30 kids and parents.
- Commissioner Pen: Concern about marijuana and educating the community.
- Commissioner Lee: 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Memorial
- Commissioner Tufono: Keynote speaker at API outreach events at correctional facilities; WAHINE Fitness event on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tufono to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Dickinson with no further discussion and unanimous approval. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Minutes prepared by Amy Van.