



Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs

Staff Report

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September Public Board Meeting: ZOOM Conference Call

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Staff report to the Commission covering activities, progress, and updates from June 19, 2021 to September 10, 2021.

1. STAFF AND COMMISSION ACTIVITY

Staff Update

Staff has performed admirably during the ongoing state of emergency, with a notable increase in existing responsibilities and taking on additional responsibilities outside the scope of their original description. Yet, they have been asked to do more with less – experiencing a cancellation of the 3% annual wage increase, as well as cuts through mandatory furloughs. Both positions make less than the average state employee, yet bring unique and valuable expertise. Therefore, raises were approved for the Project Manager & Project Coordinator Position in order to attract and retain an experienced, skilled and diverse workforce. A decision package was submitted to fully fund both positions, which is available to the public online.

Commissioner Activity

Commissioners submitted activity reports for the time period of June 19, 2021 – September 10, 2021. Total events reported = 73; Activity Report response rate = 91.67% (11/12 respondents). Outstanding reports for this period: Cmmr. Faitalia. Details of Commissioner Activity can be found in Appendix I.

Appointments:

Governor Inslee appointed Commissioners Yasmin Trudeau and Chongsun Abbott ser serve upon CAPAA for 3-year terms effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. Commissioner Kendall Kosai was also appointed to complete the term of a position vacated earlier this year by Commissioner Helen Christensen, effective through June 30, 2022.

Other appointments include:

- Former CAPAA Commissioner and Chair Lisa Dickinson (Spokane County) was appointed to serve upon the [Washington Recovery Group](#).
- Former CAPAA Commissioner Tam Dinh was appointed to serve upon the [Universal Basic Income Feasibility Study Strategic Advisory Team](#).
- 1st Vice Chair Lydia Faitalia was appointed to the Physical Activity Task Force.
- CAPAA sought but did not successfully identify appointees to Canine Task Force.
- CAPAA is currently seeking to appoint two representatives to the Pandemic Task Force.

2. FINANCE

The May 2021 Financial Status Report shows CAPAA is in excellent financial condition. CAPAA is projected to underspend its budget by about \$16,000 this fiscal year. This underspend is primarily due to lack of travel and savings related to E.D. Hasegawa's salary. These flexible funds can cover the cost of staff raises.

2021 Finance Accountability Audit: An independent accountability audit of CAPAA was conducted to determine whether the state agency has adhered to applicable federal or state laws, rules, and its own policies and procedures reviewing financial operations for FY18-21. The process included auditing records to ensure public funds are accounted for and internal controls are in place to protect public

resources from misappropriation and misuse. The audit began July 2021, was scheduled for 180 hours, and concluded on September 15 with a findings briefing that was attended by staff and Cmmr. Chongsun Abbot. The audit found that, “Commission operations complied, in all material respects, with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies, and provided adequate controls over the safeguarding of public resources.”

Sponsorship: The sponsorship request form has been updated to a google-based survey with new language to reflect all requirements as defined by our rules.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletter: CAPAA’s newsletter is sent to an e-mail listserv of 2,477 contacts (+38 from June Staff Report). We are in the process of transitioning from our current email newsletter subscription service MailerLite to GovDelivery, which is more tailored to government agencies.

Facebook: 2,360 Likes (+20)
2,652 Follows (+35)

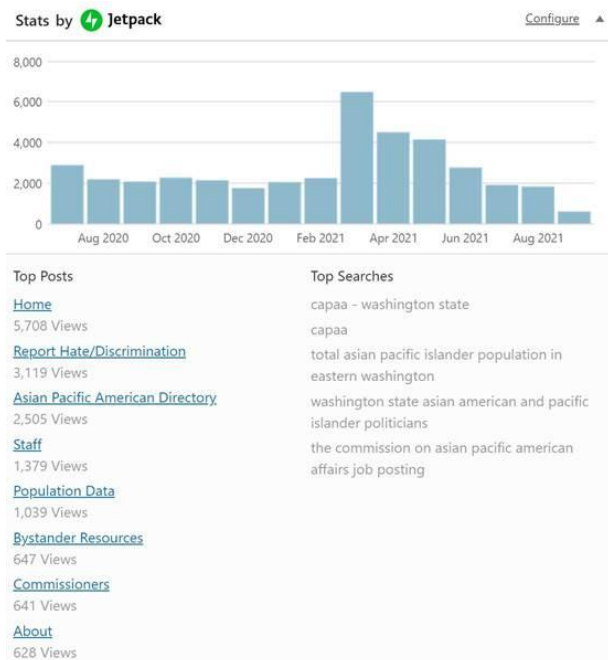
Webpage: [Immigration Resources](#)
Census 2010 Data
Census 2020 Full Count Strategic Workplans (Thurston, Whitman, & Clark counties)

Performance Measures for FY21:

| Performance Measure | FY21 Actual | FY21 Target |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Meetings attended to identify issues/advise policymakers on rights/needs of Asian Pacific Americans | 718 | 300 |
| The number of distinct recipients educational materials were delivered to | 144,110 | 10,000 |

The total number of distinct recipients educational materials were distributed to in FY21: **144,110**. This was calculated based upon the following figures:

- 2,441 newsletter recipients
- 106,233 Facebook post reach (2,652 followers)
- 49 board meeting guests (members of the public at-large)
- 35,387 for FY21 website views shown below. There was an uptick in March due to the Atlanta Spa Shootings, when people were sharing our resources for reporting hate and discrimination



4. EVENTS

Conversations with CAPAA

CAPAA continued its Conversations with CAPAA series. On September 14th, Project Manager Mai held a conversation with newly-appointed Cmmrs. Abbott, Kosai, and Trudeau to introduce them to the public and discuss their public service before CAPAA and their hope for the Commission.

5. COVID-19

Vaccine Distribution

The COVID-19 Vaccine is now available to anyone 12 years and up who works or lives in Washington state. Vaccination data can be found on the [Department of Health's vaccination data dashboard](#). As of September 13, 75.1% of Washingtonians 12 and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 68.1% of people 12 and older are fully vaccinated.

Governor Vaccination Mandate for All Executive Agencies All CAPAA staff and Commissioners required to be vaccinated, except for those who qualify for medical and religious exemptions. Thus far, 3/3 staff and 10/12 Commissioners have provided proof of vaccination. Those who do not produce proof of vaccination will be “separated” by order of the Governor.

6. Asian American Studies at Bellevue College

Earlier this year, several community members and organizations brought concerns to CAPAA that Bellevue College had removed Asian American Studies from their annual course calendar. CAPAA staff, with input from the Education Committee and Executive Committee, sent a letter to Bellevue College President Gary Locke and the Board of Trustees regarding our support for ongoing Asian American studies courses. The letter conveyed the importance of these studies in combatting anti-Asian racism and BC's role in promoting tolerance and inclusion. CAPAA requested that Bellevue College offer at least two Asian American Studies courses, which is what is typically offered in a school year. We also asked for institutional support to grow the program, and a commitment to run the class despite enrollment numbers. To date, CAPAA has received neither an acknowledgment nor a reply. Currently, there is one Asian American Studies course scheduled for the 2021-2022 school year, and it is scheduled as an

asynchronous class. There exists ongoing concern among faculty, students and community members that low enrollment numbers could result in cancellation of the course, especially since it is scheduled for Spring quarter, when enrollment numbers are typically lower than early in the school year.

7. 2021 API DATA PROJECT/NEEDS ASSESSMENT (PART III)

KAYA Strategik recently completed a 2021 ANHPI Community Demography Report based upon 2019 American Community Survey Data. The project focuses on data analysis and a summary report interpreting the data. Areas of analysis include ANHPI demographic information, as well as assessment of median household income, poverty, languages, LEP households, pay gap (between ANHPI subgroups, by gender, and as compared to whites); and education outcomes, including percentage who go to college, and percentage eligibility for free lunch.

Additionally, CAPAA is in conversation about a secondary project focused specially on 2020 Census Data.

8. UPCOMING EVENTS

November Public Board Meeting – Snohomish County

Saturday, November 20, 2021

10:00 – 2:00

Everett Community College (Exact Room TBD)

APPENDIX I: Commissioner Activity Reports

Outstanding reports for this period: Cmmr. Faitalia.

| Date of Activity | Commissioner Name | Name of Activity | Issue Area | Does this activity fulfill a strategic plan goal? |
|------------------|--------------------|--|---|--|
| 6/21/2021 | Ekkarath Sisavady | CAPAA Applicant Interviews | Interview for new board member. | Interview for new board member. |
| 6/24/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | APIC-WA Meeting | Coordination with APIC - WA | Coordination/Collaboration with APIC - WA |
| 6/26/2021 | Ekkarath Sisavady | CAPAA Board Meeting (June) | Board Meeting | This fulfills all areas. |
| 6/27/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | FACYV Community Development Meeting | Economic Development | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 6/28/2021 | Ekkarath Sisavady | CTC's and community of color (SBCTC strategic plan) | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education) | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps |
| 6/28/2021 | Sam Cho | Korean American Coalition | Economic Development | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 6/29/2021 | Ping Ping | Training for VOA East Washington and North Idaho | Asian American history and the present | I was the trainer to VOA staff for EDI work |
| 7/1/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | NAMI-Yakima Family Support Group | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 7/1/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | FACYV Senior Meal Program | Health and Human Services | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 7/2/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Health and Human Services Committee | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 7/2/2021 | Ekkarath Sisavady | Health and Human Service Committee Meeting | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 7/6/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | FACYV Board Member Consultation | Support for Community Board policies and practices | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 7/6/2021 | Nam Nguyen | Meeting with Results Washington | Health and Human Services | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal. |
| 7/8/2021 | Ekkarath Sisavady | 4 Culture Introductory meeting with Laotian CBOs | API Cultural Awareness | Community needs |
| 7/15/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | FACYV Senior Meal Program | Health and Human Services | Support for Senior API Nutrition |
| 7/16/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Yakima Neighborhood Health planning meeting | Planning meeting for DEI Training | Planning for diversity, equity, inclusion training |
| 7/17/2021 | Sam Cho | Wababa Korean Festival | Economic Development | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 7/19/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | NAMI - WA Affiliate Support a& Development Committee | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 7/19/2021 | Ping Ping | EDGACOC meeting about equity in access for resource | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education) | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps |
| 7/20/2021 | Ping Ping | EOGACOC committee meeting about equity in access for resource | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps |
| 7/21/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | NAMI WA -Affiliate Support & Development | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 7/21/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | WA State HCA-COFA RFP, Rater training | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 7/22/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | WA State HCA - COFA RFP proposal review | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 7/22/2021 | Ping Ping | Spokane City Council meeting with immigrant community leaders | Economic Development | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 7/23/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | WA State HCA COFA RFP proposal review | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 7/24/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Chew Lun Association Board Meeting | API Cultural Awareness | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 7/26/2021 | Sam Cho | Korean American Coalition Board Meeting | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 7/27/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | NAMI CON - Social (In)Justice and Mental Health | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 7/28/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | NAMI CON Seminars | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 7/29/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | FACYV Senior Meal Program | Health and Human Services | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 7/30/2021 | Toka Valu | PICA-WA Office Blessing & Opening Ceremony | Community Support | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 7/31/2021 | Toka Valu | Pasifika Food Festival | Health and Human Services | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 8/1/2021 | Sam Cho | Korean American Community Town Hall | Redistricting | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps |
| 8/3/2021 | Lalita Uppala | small business focus group | Economic Development | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 8/6/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Health and Human Services Committee | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 8/6/2021 | Ekkarath Sisavady | Health and Human Service Committee Meeting | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 8/6/2021 | Ekkarath Sisavady | Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander Health Education Summit | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 8/6/2021 | Toka Valu | CAPAA HHS Meeting | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 8/9/2021 | Chongsun Abbott | Young Adult Employment Employment | Economic Development | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps |
| 8/9/2021 | Kendall Kosai | APIC Spokane Meet and Greet | API Cultural Awareness | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal. |
| 8/9/2021 | Ping Ping | Meeting with new Co-Chairs of APIC-Spokane | meeting with leaders of APIC-Spokane | strengthen connections between CAPAA and APIC in East side of the State |
| 8/10/2021 | Toka Valu | King County NH/PI Community Redistricting Listening Session | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal. |
| 8/11/2021 | Ping Ping | Focus group for strategic planning of Spokane Public School District | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education) | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps |
| 8/12/2021 | Julio Diaz | CBO contract opportunity | Economic Development | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 8/14/2021 | Chongsun Abbott | Korean Liberation Day Celebration | Korean Liberation Day Celebration and History | Job opportunities for Korean speaking caregiver positions |
| 8/15/2021 | Kendall Kosai | OCA Seattle Board Meeting | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal. |
| 8/17/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | NAMI - WA Affiliate Support & Development Committee | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 8/17/2021 | Julio Diaz | Federal Department of Labor, EEOC Zoom mtg | Economic Development | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 8/17/2021 | Ping Ping | Lifting Up BIPOC community in Spokane event: Resources and C | Sharing resources in law enforcement, equity and | Ensure well-being of BIPOC in Spokane. It matches with CAPAA's strategic plan since AP |
| 8/18/2021 | Ping Ping | Focus group for Spokane Public School district 's strategic planning | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education) | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps |
| 8/20/2021 | Ekkarath Sisavady | Education Committee Monthly Meeting | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education) | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps |
| 8/20/2021 | Ekkarath Sisavady | Education Committee Monthly Meeting | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education) | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps |
| 8/20/2021 | Julio Diaz | WA State Board of Education mtg | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education) | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps |
| 8/20/2021 | Ping Ping | CAPAA Education committee meeting | Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education) | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps |
| 8/21/2021 | Yasmin Trudeau | Tumwater Cultural Community Center Visionary Dinner | API Cultural Awareness | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 8/25/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | NAMI - WA Board Meeting | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 8/25/2021 | Nam Nguyen | Meet with Department of Commerce on Housing Disparities | Health and Human Services | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal. |
| 8/26/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | FACYV Senior Meal Program | Health and Human Services | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 8/26/2021 | Chongsun Abbott | Pierce County Economic Development Accelerator Meeting, BIPOC | BIPOC Accelerator Program | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 8/26/2021 | Lalita Uppala | redistricting focus group with API members eastside | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice | Support for Census 2020 |
| 8/26/2021 | Nam Nguyen | Legislative Poverty Taskforce | Health and Human Services | No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal. |
| 8/27/2021 | Toka Valu | Pasifika NW Festival | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 8/30/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Yakima Neighborhood Health - Planning for DEI Training | Diversity, equity and inclusion training for commun | DEI training for community service agencies |
| 8/30/2021 | Lalita Uppala | Redistricting Focus Group | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice | Support for Census 2020 |
| 8/30/2021 | Sam Cho | Korean American Coalition Board Meeting | API Cultural Awareness | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 8/31/2021 | Chongsun Abbott | Radio Hankook Broadcasting | Economic Development | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 9/3/2021 | Carrie-Huie-Pascua | Health & Human Services Committee meeting | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 9/3/2021 | Ekkarath Sisavady | Health and Human Service Committee Meeting | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 9/4/2021 | Ekkarath Sisavady | Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander Health Education Summit: D | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |
| 9/6/2021 | Julio Diaz | Meeting with Ben Cabildo - CAPAA/Historian | Economic Development | Supporting APA Business Owners |
| 9/7/2021 | Nam Nguyen | Meet on Bellevue College | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps |
| 9/7/2021 | Ping Ping | Meeting of CAPAA Executive Chair Nam, Manager Rosa with Bell | Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice | Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps |
| 9/10/2021 | Ekkarath Sisavady | Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander Health Education Summit: N | Health and Human Services | Identifying Health Disparity Issues |

