



Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, June 26, 2021 | 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Zoom Conference Call

I. Call to Order

Quorum reached at 10:00 AM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Nguyen at 10:01 AM.

Present: Chair Nam Nguyen, 1st Vice Lydia Faitalia, 2nd Vice Chair Ekkarath Sisavatty, , Cmmr. Helen Christensen, Cmmr. Tam Dinh, Cmmr. Lalita Uppala, Cmmr. Ping Ping, Cmmr. Toka Valu, Cmmr. Sam Cho, Cmmr. Carrie Huie-Pascua

Absent: Cmmr. Lori Wada (excused) and Cmmr. Julio Diaz (excused)

Staff: Executive Director Toshiko Hasegawa, Project Manager Rosa Mai, Project Coordinator Brenda O'Brien

II. Welcome

Welcoming remarks were made by Secretary Shah, DOH. Tremendous progress has been made in terms of vaccination in the state. Sixty-eight percent of the population that are 16 and over are vaccinated, and we hope to reach 70% by month's end. As far as those that are 18 and over, however, we have reached 73% of the population, making Washington State one of the top 10 states in the country that have reached the best vaccination rates! Please help keep championing vaccines, especially in light of the Delta variant.

III. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Cmmr. Cho. Seconded by 2nd Vice Chair Sisavatty. No dissents, or abstentions. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the last meeting minutes was made by Cmmr. Cho. Seconded by Cmmr. Diaz. No dissents, or abstentions. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. ANHPI Data Project Update

Cherry Cayabyab and Leslie Potts from Kaya strategik presented their report of ANHPI data and



findings. Report attachment can be found below.



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V. Commissioner Community Updates

Cmmr. Faitalia has been involved in helping with the APCC Samoan Cultural week, which is taking place July 25-31. She encourages all the Commissioners to spread the word about the Family Framework listening forum through EOGOAC. They are soliciting feedback from the community. Lastly, she has been engaged with a community collaborative group regarding health policies in Tacoma. CAPAA has also been involved with this effort.

Cmmr. Christensen has been assisting a local Chinese family who has been experiencing a MH crisis. In attempting to help provide resources, she realized how limited those resources are in Clark County. The family ended up having to go to Portland to get help.

Cmmr. Uppala reports a significant uptick in MH issues among the Asian Indian community. She has been looking at culturally nuanced help for MH help. There is also much need for informational pop-up clinics around vaccines and other services for international travelers at SeaTac Airport.

Cmmr. Huie-Pascua recently took part in a BIPOC coalition youth MH panel discussing COVID. Her focus has been on raising MH awareness on communities of color and on pop-up clinics for elders.

Cmmr. Ping assisted with organizing a discussion between Asian and Black communities in May. The event, which had 40 participants, ended with the consensus that it was a much-needed conversation. She is also helped organize an ANHPI Heritage Day event for the community that took place on June 12th.

Cmmr. Cho has been helping to plan pop-up clinic sites with the Korean American Coalition. The first one will be held at the Korean Community Center in Everett from 8-9 PM.

Cmmr. Valu has been assisting with efforts to vaccinate the NHPI community in King County. It is currently around 72%. The goal is for other regions to reach that percentage as well.

Cmmr. Sisavatdy is thinking ahead to schools reopening. As more of them reopen, our focus should be on those ages. He has also been concerned about Bellevue College's decision to remove Asian American studies from its curriculum, and has been involved with the letter CAPAA has sent to them regarding it.



Cmmr. Dinh reports hearing from many BIPOC families regarding their concerns about sending their Children back to school. Initially, it was due to the fears around the pandemic, but now with the rise in anti-Asian hate, there are fears about them being exposed to violence. Additionally, while she loves

the idea of schools considering a variety of models for students, she is concerned that many API students will choose an online learning model, which may cause greater inequities in learning outcomes for them.

VI. Public Forum

Mohan Gurung voiced his concerns with the lack of vaccinations available in countries like India and Nepal. He would really like everyone to be vaccinated so that we are all safe. He is also eagerly awaiting the data from the Census 2020, so he can see how many people have been counted, and determine in which ways his ability to assist his community will be impacted.

Lin Crowley, APIC-SPS, mainly joined today to hear about the ANHPI data report, and hope it is available soon to present to the communities. She is glad that Cmmr. Dinh brought up the concerns over schools reopening. She is hoping that there will be more discussion around this issue.

VII. Shellfish & Toxins, Impact on ESL Communities

Sophorn Sim and Myanh Cao, from the Refugee Federation Service Center (RFSC), presented their report on shellfish toxins that affect the API community. As a result of the 2015 EPA Fisher Study, the RFSC was prompted to educate communities of the health hazards and contamination of seafood in the Duwamish River. The full presentation of their efforts can be accessed below.



CAPPA Presentation
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VIII. Commission Business – Sponsorship Requests and Updates

Two sponsorship requests have been approved recently, with two others needing the “plus one Commissioner” approval requirement voted into the Sponsorship Rules at our last Board Meeting. The two requests that have been fully approved are for the ANHPI Heritage Day event held in Spokane on June 12th, and a Micro Pow Wow that will take place the week of July 12th – 16th at the Daybreak Star Preschool.



The two pending requests are for the 2021 Mana Youth Day taking place July 27th, and the Samoan Fashion Show taking place July 29th, both taking place during Samoan Cultural Week. Chair Nguyen opened the floor for motions. Motion to approve was made by Cmmr. Cho. Seconded by Cmmr. Ping.

No dissents or abstentions. Motion passed unanimously.

Project Manager Mai suggested a proposal vote regarding the recently amended rule to our Sponsorship Rules. In March, the Commission voted to have the Executive Committee, plus one additional Commissioner, review and approve incoming sponsorship requests. Adding the additional Commissioner has proved to be a challenge logistically, so she proposed that an Ad Hoc or standing committee of 3-5 members handle these requests going forward.

Chair Nguyen believes it may be best for the Executive Committee to handle the requests instead. Cmmr. Cho agrees and makes a motion for it, along with the caveat that all vetted requests be sent to the Commission for any input within a week of receiving the approval notice, and that all requests be submitted one month before an event. Motion was seconded by Cmmr. Valu. No dissents or abstentions were made. Motion was passed unanimously.

IX. Staff Report

ED Hasegawa presented a verbal overview of the written report at 12:04 PM.



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X. Good of the Order

Chair Nguyen and ED Hasegawa issued formal farewells to Cmmrs. Wada, Dinh, and Christensen, and thanked them for their tremendous service to our communities during their appointments to the Commission.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cmmr. Dinh. Seconded by Cmmr. Christensen. No dissents or abstentions. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 12:28 PM.



XII. Chat Box Transcript

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 10:01 AM
Good morning, everyone!!!

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy to Everyone: 10:04 AM
Sabaidee and Good Morning!

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 10:06 AM
The youngest commission in capaa history

From Brenda O'Brien to Everyone: 10:06 AM
Good Morning! If you are joining our meeting today, welcome! Please let us know you're present by typing your name, email, and organization in the chat!

From Toka Valu to Everyone: 10:07 AM
Apologies in advance, folks - I'll be on and off camera since Mommy is out of town for a few days and a rambunctious little one is here with me

From myhanh to Everyone: 10:09 AM
Hello, My name is Myhanh Cao, here with my colleague Sophorn Sim, from RFSC. My email is Myhanh.cao0226@gmail.com

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 10:13 AM
Thank you for joining us Myhanh!

From Tam Dinh to Everyone: 10:14 AM
Thank you Dr. Shah.

From Lalita Uppala to Everyone: 10:15 AM
Welcome Cherry and Kaya Strategic - we love your work.

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 10:33 AM
Thank you, Leslie!

From Tam Dinh to Everyone: 10:33 AM
Thanks Cherry and Leslie

From Lalita Uppala to Everyone: 10:34 AM
Right - Fijian



From Ekkarath Sisavatdy to Everyone: 10:37 AM

---This data is incredibly valuable thank you for your work on this KAYA

From Carrie Huie-Pascua to Everyone: 10:38 AM

Excellent work. Looking forward to the final report.

From Lydia M.Faitalia to Everyone: 10:39 AM

Thank you Leslie

Thank you Cherry

From Lalita Uppala to Everyone: 10:40 AM

Thank You

From Ping Ping to Everyone: 10:41 AM

Thank you Cherry and Leslie for the disaggregated data presented!

From Mohan Gurung to Everyone: 10:46 AM

Hello all, I'm late sorry for that.

From Lalita Uppala to Everyone: 10:46 AM

Excellent point Commissioner Cho

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy to Everyone: 10:50 AM

Trends: Niche professions for specific groups

From Mohan Gurung to Everyone: 10:53 AM

Do you have any data of Nepalese community census 2020?

From Cherry she/hers to Everyone: 10:54 AM

Thank you very much CAPAA Commission and staff - have a great rest of your meeting!

From (Leslie Potts) KAYA strategik, LLC to Everyone: 10:54 AM

Hi Mohan Gurung, Nepalese is one of the ethnicity categories collected. It will be available in the datasets where estimations are available.

From Lalita Uppala to Everyone: 10:54 AM

Thank You Cherry and team

From Lalita Uppala to Everyone: 11:00 AM

Thank You Comm. Carrie



From Mohan Gurung to Everyone: 11:04 AM
Thank you Leslie.

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy to Everyone: 11:12 AM
Thank you, Mohan for joining us today.
Thank you, Lin

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy to Everyone: 11:47 AM
Thank you RFSC, Sophorn and Myhanh, for your advocacy and education in our bioregion.

From Carrie Huie-Pascua to Everyone: 11:48 AM
Very informative! Thank you.

From Lydia M.Faitalia to Everyone: 11:48 AM
Thank you RFSC for all of the important work you all are doing.

From Sophorn Sim/ she/her to Everyone: 11:50 AM
Thank you all for allowing us to share our services at RFSC!

From Lydia M.Faitalia to Everyone: 11:53 AM
Thank you Commissioners for your support.

From Lydia M.Faitalia to Everyone: 12:17 PM
Thank you ED Hasegawa, Rosa and Brenda for all of your work.

From Carrie Huie-Pascua to Everyone: 12:18 PM
Thank you Lori Wada for your leadership and voice.

From Lalita Uppala to Everyone: 12:23 PM
Thank You Lori Wada for your exemplary service - you are an inspiration and such a support for small businesses and CBOs like ours who have been able to change application processes by your leadership
Thank You Commissioners Dinh and Christensen

From Toka Valu to Everyone: 12:24 PM
Malo 'aupito Commissioners Dinh and Christensen for your dedication and advocacy

From Helen Christensen to Everyone: 12:25 PM
Thank you everyone. I am grateful for the opportunity. I will cherish the experience and the friendship.

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy to Everyone: 12:26 PM
Thank you, Helen, Lori and Tam! Keep up the heart-work CAPAA Family



From Carrie Huie-Pascua to Everyone: 12:27 PM

Thank you both Commissioners Christianson and Dinh for your representation and expertise! We will miss you but will stay connected.

From Ping Ping to Everyone: 12:27 PM

Thank you for your guidance and caring to new commissioners, Tam and Helen! I will deeply miss you.

From Lin Crowley to Everyone: 12:27 PM

Thank you Commissioners Wada, Dinh, and Christensen for all your works with CAPAA!

From Tam Dinh to Everyone: 12:27 PM

Thank you community sisters and brothers.