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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 4:30pm
JFK, 15 New Sudbury Street, Room 475

Absent Commissioners are highlighted and remote participants are indicated by an asterisk*. Quorum was reached by attendance.

- Accepted 6/03/2015 meeting minutes
 - Corrections are to be made. Gilbert motioned to accept minutes, seconded by Nick. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- Executive Director gave her monthly report and thanked commissioners for their support with the passing of her mother.
- Annual Retreat: Discussion when, where, and possible agenda items:
 - We decided to go with the majority of August 8th for the retreat.
 - The commission decided to have the retreat from 9am to 12pm to ensure that everyone will be able to participate, because some of the commissioners have other prior commitments elsewhere.
 - Commissioners suggested a few possible locations, Boston Hosteling, and Mabel suggested BCNC
- Ideas and agenda for the retreat:
 - Guest speakers
 - Ice Breakers
 - Re-cap accomplishments
 - Long term and short term strategic planning
 - Mable suggested facilitator, Third Sector was mentioned
- Unity Dinner Updates:
 - Elisa confirmed that Dr. Howard Koh and Daniel Arrigg Koh are guest speakers for the Unity Dinner
 - We reviewed the sponsorship package
 - Commissioners are asked to think about potential sponsors
 - Bora will send out sponsors list from last year

Subcommittee updates:

Young Leaders Symposium (YLS)

- Chris confirmed YLS – September 24th at UMASS BOSTON, Ryan Lounge 3:00pm to 8:00pm with breakout sessions, and continue speed mentoring
- AAC members who have agreed to serve as mentor and help during the event include the following: Kajal Chattopadhyay, Gilbert Ho, Lydia Schroter (Speaker), Elisa Choi, Ken An, Lianna Kushi, and Sophy Theam
- Draft of the program were presented and reviewed
- Kajal suggested to explore sponsorship opportunities, Kaplan and Princeton Review were mentioned

Healthcare Subcommittee:

- Elisa reported that Dr. Howard Koh, has confirmed to be guest speaker for Healthcare Summit.
- Committee are working to secure a venue, commissioners suggested looking for location with access to public transportations
- Elisa also reported on the following events and initiatives:



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- Working with Office of Minority Health
- Collaborating with National Council of Asian Pacific Physicians for Screen 23 (BMI) initiatives, and National Diabetes initiatives
- Speaking with Office of Civil Rights (OCR)/Human Services
- We are on the planning committee for next year Asian American Mental Health Form
- Working with the American Diabetes Association: Stephen Hable and Al Whitaker for potential change in Diabetes policy

Economic/Financial Literacy:

- Gilbert reported that we are having Financial Literacy workshop on July 20th with East West Bank in Quincy, Ma
- Gilbert mentioned there's a small community of Indian immigrants in the area and we should plan an event soon to serve the South Asian population
- Kay asked about follow-up and tracking of participants
- Discussion of evaluation and survey at every AAC events

Swearing-in ceremony was a success:

- The event was held at Treasurer Goldberg's office at the State House, State Auditor Suzanne Bump was also present, along with three news outlets and community leaders from various appointing authorities' offices.
- Lianna Kushi, Sophy Theam and Mabel Lam was officially sworn in.

Next Commission meeting: Wednesday, August 8, 2015, Annual Retreat - Location: TBD

- Meeting adjourned