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**Minutes for 5/21/04 Conference Call
12:45 – 1:30 pm PST / 3:45 – 4:30 pm EST**

Future calls to be held on the third Friday of every month at 12:30pm PST/3:30pm EST

Attendees:

Butch de Castro, Nadine Chan, Gilbert Gee, Nadia Islam, Karen Rezai

= follow-up task

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I. Welcome/Agenda**II. Program (Gil)**

The Program schedule is nearly complete. Gil asked a few authors who indicated their preference for oral-only presentations if they would reconsider presenting their work at a poster session.

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Abstract reviews are done. Each abstract had multiple reviewers (about 5 per abstract). For abstracts with a wide variance in review score, (e.g some abstracts were scored 2 and 9), we excluded the highest and lowest scores before calculating the mean. This seemed to work well and we should continue to use this procedure in the future. It is helpful if officers can post procedures for annual tasks (such as reviewing abstracts) and post the file to the internal Yahoo groups website (<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/APIC>)

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Butch will email a draft of the Advocacy session to the Executive Committee before our next conference call.

III. 30th Anniversary session (Karen and Leslie)

The session format will include a welcome speaker, keynote speaker, then a panel of speakers. It would be interesting to have a panel composed of speakers with perspectives from different points in time. We would like Walter Tsou (APHA President-Elect) and/or Georges Benjamin (APHA President) to give the welcome speech. The following are a list of potential keynote speakers:

- Ted Chen, PhD – chaired Caucus in 1976 Professor of Health Education and Communication at Tulane University
- Dr. Kenneth Moritsugo – Deputy Surgeon General
- David Takeuchi, PhD – Originally from Hawaii; currently a professor in the Department of Sociology & School of Social Work at the University of Washington

We would like to provide a token honorarium for the keynote speaker.

IV. APIC Historical Highlights (Nadine)

Nadine is interviewing several people to gather information on Caucus highlights since 1976.

V. APHA Elections (Karen)

Rod Lew has been nominated for a position on the APHA Executive Committee. Caucuses do not get a vote, but Sections do. Elections take place at the annual APHA meeting. To support Rod's nomination, we need to encourage our Section to vote for him.

Karen will draft a template letter highlighting significant achievements, attached with Rod's bio for us to send to our respective Sections.

VI. APIC Elections (Nadine)

Five positions are open this year: Chair-elect, Program Chair-Elect, Policy-Chair, Secretary, and Student Representative.

- Nadine will send out a timeline for the elections process at the next conference call.
- Nadine will ask Leslie if it's possible to hold elections via the website.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nadine L. Chan

Attachment

I found the following background information via google.com about the potential key-note speakers:

Dr. Ted T.L. Chen

<http://www.tulane.edu/~chs/faculty/chent.html>

Dr. Ted T.L. Chen is currently Head/Professor of Health Education/Communication Section and Director of Asia-Pacific Health Promotion and Development Office. He has received degrees of B.Ed. from the National Taiwan Normal University, M.A. from the University of Maryland, M.P.H. from the University of California, Berkeley and Ph.D. from the Ohio State University.

He served as a Professor at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst from 1971-1991 and for the current faculty position at Tulane University since 1991. He organized and chaired the Asian American Caucus of the American Public Health Association in 1976. In 1986-1990, he was elected to serve as a member of the Executive Board of the American Public Health Association. In 1989, he founded the Asia-Pacific Association for the Control of Tobacco and served as the Permanent Executive Secretary. Besides serving on numerous NIH, CDC review committees and various journal review boards, he is currently serving as an advisor to the Division of Health Policy Research of the National Health Research Institutes of Taiwan.

He has published over 50 research articles in topics related to health promotion and disease prevention. He has conducted studies and projects that covers areas in primary prevention related health policy studies, social mobilization and healthy community building projects, impact of international tobacco marketing on health behavior change and projects related to executive leadership training and community leadership empowerment. He currently teaches courses that include "Behavior Risk Factors Related to Disease Prevention and Health Promotion", "Health Promotion Program Planning" and "Theoretical Foundations of Health Education".

Dr. Kenneth Mortisugo

http://www.transplant.ca/news_articles/archive/archive_7.cfm

Dr. Kenneth Mortisugo, Deputy Surgeon General of the USA was our first keynote speaker. He is a staunch supporter of ITNS, and believes in our mission and values. He is a crusader for organ donor awareness throughout the US. Moritsugo lost both his wife and his daughter in two separate accidents. Although both stories are heartbreaking, he was, from these tragedies, able to see the tremendous value in organ donation. His crusade continues. A standing ovation closed his talk.

David Takeuchi, PhD,

Professor

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Professional Interests:

- Racial, socio-economic, and cultural factors associated with health problems, the initiation of care, and the results of health care.

<http://csde.washington.edu/people/faculty/takeuchi.shtml>

David Takeuchi is currently professor of sociology at Indiana University. He recently accepted an academic position in the School of Social Welfare at the University of Washington, effective Fall 2002. His research focuses on investigating the social structural and cultural contexts that are associated with different outcomes especially among racial and ethnic minorities. One recent example of this work examines how Chinese Americans in Los Angeles, California (N=1,610) report their health problems (forthcoming in Health). The paper tests whether a greater participation in American lifestyles is linked to higher depressive symptoms but lower neurasthenia symptoms. Depression and neurasthenia represent compelling contrasts since the first is

a prevalent mental health problem in the United States and the latter is a relative common health problem in China. Analyses show that stress is linked to neurasthenia symptoms but not depressive symptoms among recent immigrants. The opposite is true for more established Chinese immigrants; stress is associated with depressive symptoms but not neurasthenia. The results argue for the inclusion of multiple indicators of health and cultural expressions of distress. In addition to this study of Chinese Americans in Los Angeles, Professor Takeuchi recently completed health surveys of Filipino Americans in San Francisco and Honolulu (N=2,400). Analyses are underway to shed light on how geographic region is associated with different outcomes for a single ethnic group.

Last year, Professor Takeuchi co-chaired with Dr. Christine Bachrach a national conference to develop a research agenda on multi-level analyses. The Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research (OBSSR) sponsored the conference and the development of the research agenda. The report, "Toward Higher Levels of Analysis: Progress and Promise in Research on Social and Cultural Dimensions of Health" is intended to forge new multidisciplinary programs that weave in the social structural, cultural, psychological, and biological factors in the study of health.

http://cultureandhealth.ucla.edu/frc4/faculty_DTak.html

Dr. Takeuchi's program of research focuses on two areas:

1. Understanding the social factors that contribute to the uneven distribution of health and illness in minority communities.
2. The use of mental health services among ethnic minority groups.

In the first strand of research, he has conducted several major studies on Asian Americans in California and Hawaii that examine the rates and correlates of psychiatric disorders among Asian Americans. The second strand of research focuses on the entry and treatment of ethnic minorities who have a serious mental illness. Again, methodological problems have often forced policy makers to rely on anecdotal material to address some critical issues in the delivery of services to ethnic minority consumers. Research in this area has attempted to fill this gap by providing empirical data for major policy issues. In this strand, he has investigated how people come into mental health treatment and the relative importance of attempts to make the mental health system more responsive to ethnic and poor communities.

He is currently conducting the National Latino and Asian American Study (NLAAS) with Dr. Margarita Alegría. This project combines both his interest in psychiatric disorders as well as help-seeking behavior. Takeuchi has participated in a wide range of community activities with a number of organizations such as the National Pacific and Asian American Health Forum and the National Asian Women's Health Organization.