

## Asian Pacific Islander Caucus (APIC)

Business Meeting (in person)

November 9, 2010

6:30 pm EST

Granite A Hall

Hyatt Regency, Denver, CO

### Minutes

#### Present:

Alek	Jamie
Arnab	Lily
Domin	Luceli
Elena	Mona
Felice	Vishnu
Harry	Winston

#### **I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Harry welcomed all participants and discussed briefly the purpose of the meeting and highlighted the mission of APIC. Everyone introduced themselves. Approximately 45 people attended this meeting (some in and out).

#### **II. OFFICER UPDATES**

- **Chair** updated that the last month (October) was a very engaged month as part of preparation of APHA meeting. He thanked all executive committee members for their contributions.
- **Chair Elect:** No update.
- **Program Chair Elect:** No update.
- **Policy Chair:** Highlighted the issues of health care reform as they relate to API population. Urged all to be more active in policy reviewing.
- **Treasurer:** Asked committee members to email the details of spending as part of APIC activities preparations. Total sponsorship received for 2010 was \$2800.
- **Student Representative:** Highlighted and appreciated the work done by executive committee members in planning the sessions.
- **Chair:** Recognized caucus counselors Kawika and Lily for their wonderful talk in the breakfast session. Reminded all about the social reception planned at Yoko's restaurant.

#### **III. INTRODUCTION OF 2011/11 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Harry introduced the newly elected/ nominated officers and thanked the outgoing officers.

#### **IV. 2011/11 INITIATIVES**

- Harry reiterated the mission of APIC. Also highlighted the achievements of previous years and argued that last year (2009) was monumental for paving the future direction of APIC.
- Harry described the future directives for APIC proposing the 3 'C' concepts: which stands for **Communication** (website-face of APIC, list-serve), **Community** – (awareness of practice through partnership, recognition and awards), **and Connection**-(connecting API to APHA leadership positions and other opportunities).

## V. EMERGING TOPICS FOR SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS AND EVENTS

Harry asked all the participants to suggest topics of interest. Following suggestions were made:

- Advocacy for API health,
- Advocacy session,
- Aging population research,
- API in APHA leadership,
- CLAS
- Combing stories with other groups,
- Community based participatory research (CBPR) among API,
- Consequences of nuclear detonation in Pacific jurisdictions,
- Domestic violence among API,
- Emergency response and disaster preparedness
- Foreclosures/Business Dissolutions
- Generational research among API,
- Health Care Act Impact
- Health Equity,
- Health information technology,
- Healthy Communities (Place-Based Health)
- How faith and religion interface among APIs?
- Let's Move! (Nutrition, Exercise)
- Mental health among API adolescent,
- Military buildup in Micronesia,
- MSM-HIV issues among API,
- Role of Federal government on health issues of API,
- Role of media in portrayal of communities,
- Social Determinants of Health (Poverty/Econ Depression/Mortgage)
- Strengthening collaboration between APHA and API,
- Using data for advocacy, policy,
- War, Peace, Nuclear Proliferation
- Working rights for immigrants / work place related injuries,
- Working with congressmen / women for API.

## VI. QA SESSION

A brief QA session included several questions from the participants of the meeting. Some of the important questions were:

- How members can contribute to APIC?
- How to contribute to Health Reform Meeting to be held in Chicago on June 2011?

These questions prompted a serious dialogue among the participants.

## **VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Feedbacks:**

Key feedbacks (to furthering the APIC) received during the meeting include:

- Asset mapping of members,
- Increasing social media use.

**Next call:** Not decided.

Call adjourned at 7:45 pm EST.