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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 3, 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.

1. Accepted 4/08/2015 meeting minutes
 - Corrections are to be made. Gilbert motioned to accept minutes, seconded by Kay. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
2. Kajal introduced guest speakers: Nancy Lo, Soojung Crystal Wang and Nhi Nguyen. **Nhi Nguyen is a presentative for Commissioner Ken An.
3. Introduction of new commissioner, Lianna Kushi, appointed by House Speaker
 - Chair of Angkor Dance Troupe
 - Greater Lowell Community Group
4. Executive Director, Bora Chiemruom gave her three year work plan presentation.
5. Kajal announced that the commission is receiving level funding for next year. We will continue with the \$50,000 appropriation for FY 2016. This is good news given the state budget cuts.
6. Tony gave an update on the Unity Dinner (UD) status
 - We discussed about the theme at length, and decided on "Honoring our History, Celebrating our Diversity".
 - We also discussed about guest speaker at length. These are our potential speakers:
 - Dr. Howard Koh and Daniel Koh
 - George Takei
 - Yo Yo Ma
 - Mindy Karling
 - Kajal suggested to have a UD subcommittee meeting on June 19th by conference call because Tony will be away the month of June
7. Subcommittee updates
Young Leaders Symposium (YLS)
 - ChunFai confirmed YLS – September 24th at UMASS BOSTON, Ryan Lounge 3:00pm to 8:00pm with breakout sessions, and continue speed mentoring
 - ChunFai confirmed meeting scheduled in the next two weeks, we have confirmed guest speakers for speed mentoring from federal agencies and local non-profits, including a few of commissioners.

Healthcare Subcommittee:

- Elisa reported that Dr. Howard Koh, has confirmed to be guest speaker for Healthcare Summit. Committee are working to secure a venue.
- Elisa also reported on the following events and initiatives in the work:
 - Bora and Elisa participated in the CMAA TV broadcast promoting Hepatitis B
 - Connected with LCHC, Sonith Peou, Greater Lowell Health Alliance, Dr. Daniel Nakamoto, and Anh Sawyer of Southeast Coalition in Worcester.



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-Hoped to co-sponsor an event with Mass Psychological Association
-Elisa participated in focus group for Greater Lowell Alliance for Cancer Disparities among Asian American
-Bora attended a Khmer Rouge War Crime Tribunal session in Lowell
-Possible collaboration with American Diabetes Association, connection through Nick with George King
- AAC co-sponsored the Asian Mental Health Forum at UMass Lowell
-We are also working with Dr. Ed Wang of Ed K.S. Wang, Psy.D., Director Office of Multicultural Affairs, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

Economic/Financial Literacy:

- Gilbert reported that we are working with East West Bank to have a workshop in Quincy

8. Next Commission meeting: Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at JFK Building Room 475
9. Meeting adjourned