



Asian American Advisory Council

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

AAAC Special Meeting MINUTES for March 9, 2022

2:00- 4:00 pm

Present:

Sebastian Emmanuel; Stany D'Souza; Nancy Rodriguez; Michelle Buckle; Jose Chacko; Maggie Mui; Jophia P. George

Guests: Bino Simon; Alix Young; Ryann Unabia

Excused: Saju Philip; Benny Kuriakose; Santhosh Kurian; Michael Chan; Linson Thomas

Associate Deputy Director of Communications; Advisory Board Coordinator:

Kara Hamilton

Director's Liaison; Chief of Asian American Services: Ada Tong

Excused:

Benny Kuriakose; Santhosh Kurian; Michael Chan; Linson Thomas

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Note: Meeting was recorded.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Stany motioned and Jophia second to approve the 10-27-21 minutes. Council members were in favor, none opposed. Minutes passed.

Stany motioned and Jophia second to approve the 11-16-21 minutes. Council members were in favor, none opposed. Minutes passed.

Michelle motioned and Ryann second to approve the 12-15-21 minutes. Council members were in favor, none opposed. Minutes passed.

Sebastian motioned and Jophia second to approve the 2-9-22 minutes. Council members were in favor, none opposed. Minutes passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Asian American Newsletter

Ada proposed that the Asian American Star newsletter be conducted twice a year. Nancy reported that the newsletter committee has some articles for the second newsletter. Nancy asked council members to send recommended articles to include in the second newsletter. Ada recommended that for 2022, the second newsletter be ready to send to Communications



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either in June or July and the newsletter issuance recommended date be in August or September. Ada suggested some flexibility to have newsletter dates for 2022.

DCFS Asian American Advisory Council Handbook

Nancy stated that the completed Asian American Advisory Council Handbook copy has been sent by email to council members.

DCFS Asian American Advisory Council History

Stany stated that he anticipates completion of the AAAC history pages in one week.

Professional Development

Stany stated that neither of the 2 universities that AAAC had hoped to collaborate with were available to help create the Professional Development event. Professional Development event will be postponed.

Recruitment of New Council Members

Prior to reviewing, amending and approving the minutes, council membership was discussed. Bino is a former council member and was present. Sebastian motioned and Stany second to accept Bino's return as a council member. Council members were in favor and none opposed. Bino is approved.

Ryann Unabia is a new nominee and was present. Council member motioned and other council member second the motion to accept Ryann Unabia as council member. Council members were in favor and none opposed.

Updates from the Chief of Asian American Services

Ada stated that the youths affinity group meeting of 2-28-22 was cancelled. The Asian American Advisory Council is the host for the DCFS Joint Advisory Council scheduled for 4-20-22 at 2:00pm. Ada recommended 1911-1921 South Indiana Ave, Chicago, IL as the meeting place. A hybrid meeting which includes virtual participants would be set up. The council chairs had a meeting. But no agenda was yet drafted. Ada attended the meeting on behalf of Sebastian. Ada will request another meeting with the chairs of Asian American Advisory Council, African American Advisory Council, Indian Child Welfare Act Advisory Council and the Latino Advisory Council.

Family Institute Day (June 2022)

Ada will be contacting universities to collaborate with for the Family Institute event of June, 2022. Ada suggested the date of 6-24-22. Ada stated that 6-17-22 may not be ideal due to Father's Day weekend and Juneteenth holiday. June 3 and 10 are graduation weeks and would not be ideal dates. Nancy suggested asking the universities if staff and students are available in June. Alix Young stated that the approved budget for the Asian American Family Institute event is \$10,000.



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NEW BUSINESS

OMA Training

Kara Hamilton was not available at end of meeting for an update on OMA training. Ada stated that she will get an update on the OMA training and send the information after this meeting.

Officer Nominations and Elections:

Stany agreed to chair the elections and will receive nominations and send the election form to council members. Nancy will send the notice of the election.

Bylaws Revision: tabled

Next regular monthly meetings are 3-23-22 and 4-27-22.

Any other matter: none

Meeting adjournment

Nancy Rodriguez, Secretary