



Asian American Advisory Council

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

AAAC Minutes for April 27, 2022

Present: Stany DSouza; Nancy Rodriguez; Jophia George; Ryann Unabia; Maggie Mui

Kara Hamilton, Associate Deputy Director of Communications; Advisory Board Coordinator

Excused: Sebastian Emmanuel; Benny Kuriakose; Bino Simon; Jose Chacko; Linson Thomas; Michael Chan; Michelle Buckle; Santhosh Kurian; Saju Philip

Ada Tong, Director's Liaison; Chief of Asian American Services (excused)

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Stany called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 9 and 23 minutes were reviewed and amended. Voting was tabled to next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Asian American Star (Bi-Annual Newsletter)

The articles for the second Star newsletter were submitted on 4-8-2022 and are pending review and approval from DCFS DEI and DCFS Communications. Nancy Rodriguez stated that Sebastian Emmanuel Chairperson will submit a new letter for the second article. Nancy Rodriguez, Newsletter Chair will submit a new letter for the second article.

DCFS Asian American Advisory Council History

Stany received no further feed-back for the history draft. The draft is ready for review and approval from DCFS DEI and DCFS Communications. Nancy Rodriguez will send the history draft to Ada Tong to forward for review and approval.

Recruitment of New Council Members tabled

Family Institute Day (June 2022 / Ada, Chairperson)

Ada Tong is not available for an update. Nancy stated that the set date for the event is 6-24-22. Maggie stated that UIC initially agreed to collaborate. But the technical staff resigned. We will use the DCFS in house technical support. Ryann Unabia stated that two workshop Presenters confirmed. Theme is not yet developed.



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Professional Development Tabled

Updates from the Chief of Asian American Services Tabled

OMA Training (website of Illinois Attorney General)

Kara will obtain update from the new Ethics Officer.

Officers Nominations and Elections

Nancy Rodriguez sent email to all council members regarding Officers Nominations. Nancy Rodriguez will send all council members the ballot that Stany provided.

Joint Advisory Council Meeting of 4-20-22, 2:00pm to 5:00pm; HOST: AAAC

The Joint Advisory Council meeting occurred on 4-20-22. There was no joint issues discussed. But each council provided an update about council activities since last joint meeting and reviewed the last meeting minutes.

Bylaws Revision

Nancy Rodriguez will send to all council members the new Bylaws revision proposal.

DCFS Asian American Advisory Council Handbook No new update.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Ethics Training
2022 Harassment and Discrimination Prevention Training
OMA Training

Kara Hamilton believes that these two trainings, 2022 Ethics and the 2022 Harassment and Discrimination training are available and can be completed online and by paper version. Board members are required to complete these two trainings in addition to the OMA training.

Next Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting is 5-25-2022

**Any other matter
None**

Meeting Adjournment

Nancy Rodriguez
Secretary