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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 4:30pm
McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, 12th floor

Absent Commissioners are highlighted and remote participants are indicated by an asterisk*. Quorum was reached by attendance.

Item #1: Accepted July minutes

Item #2: See written report submitted by Elisa Choi

Item #9: Moved item #9 to top of the agenda for Rep. Chan's bill on disaggregated data:

- Rep. Chan spoke at length about the bill
- The bill has a strong opposition from a Chinese elite group
- The opposition group thinks that "segregation of data is discriminatory"
- They are using "we-chat" to voice their opinions
- Rep. Chan does have strong support from API CAN but stated that we need support under one voice
- He's asking for AAC support and to identify organizations which the bill would be affected by the most
- We had a lengthy discussion with Rep. Chan and asked many questions
- Due to time constrict AAC will discuss as group on how to proceed at the next meeting

Item #3: Skipped! Written Executive Director (ED) report below:

- ED met with Office of Economic Empowerment for SoarMA and Women's Empowerment Series
- Attended 2nd Cambodian Fall River Festival
- Supported the logistic for the NACAPSL reception at Kowloon and attended the event with many other Commissioners
- Submitted capacity building grant to Eastern Bank
- Supported YLS committee with logistics Eblast for YLS – "Save the Date" and AAC upcoming events/programs
- Supported the newly established AAC search committee for new ED
- Met with HR of Treasurer's office to get formal procedures and process for hiring of new ED

Item #4: Move to next meeting

Item # 5: ED gave updates on grant to Eastern Bank

Item # 6: AAC ED search committee met on Monday August 7, 2017

- Outlined a timeline and process for the committee
- AAC will issue a statement about the current ED and will post job description next week.



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- Treasurer's office will also support with posting the position on MassCareers

Item # 7: Subcommittee updates:

- Unity Dinner/Fundraiser – We need a chair person for committee!
- PR/Legislation – Skipped
- Finance/Admin – Skipped
- Health and Human Services – Chair is pulling a planning meeting for Advocacy Day at the State House on October 17
- Young Leaders Symposium – Keynote speaker confirmed, 2 workshops in the am and 2 workshops in the pm
- Economic Development – Skipped

Item #8: ED will send Mass Gaming information through email

ED reminded Commissioners of upcoming events: Resource Fair (RF)

- RF: Southeast Asian Water Festival in Lowell, MA on Saturday, August 19 @ 10am, Pawtucket Blvd
- RF – Quincy August Moon Festival Sunday, August 20 @ 12pm to 5pm, Coddington Street, Downtown Quincy
- Young Leaders Symposium, Saturday, September 23 @ 9am to 2pm, Vietnamese American Community Center, VietAid, Dorchester
- AAC HHS Advocacy Day at the State House – October 17 @ 10am
- 2nd Annual Civil Rights Forum - October 27 @ Federal Reserve Plaza

Item #10. Next Commission meeting: Every second Wednesday, September 13

Item #11. Meeting adjourned