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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 10th, 2012

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Absent Commissioners are highlighted on left. There were phone problems so many were not able to dial in.

1. Review of minutes from last meeting
 - No quorum to accept minutes.
2. 2012 Unity Dinner, Wednesday, May 16th
Keynote Honoree: Nitin Nohria, Dean of Harvard Business School
Co-Chair: Vinit Nijhawan, Managing Director of BU's Technology Development
Co-Chair: Om Ganda, Senior Physician at Joslin Diabetes Center
Co-Chair: Francis Chin, Immigration Attorney
 - Elected state officials will receive complimentary passes. The minimum goal is 300 attendees and that would require all the Commissioners' support.
3. Attendance (more information on separate sheet)
Discussion on updating the bylaws to allow flexibility in reaching quorum.
Discussion on OML allowing remote participation.
 - Remote participation is now possible. There needs to be quorum in person before remote participants can be counted, same goes for remote voting.
 - To meet quorum, our bylaws state that a majority needs to be in attendance. The Commission hopes to amend this and that would require two-thirds of the members to be present.
4. Initiatives
Resource Fair – Chinatown festival on 6/24 and Lowell Water festival on 8/18
Young Leader Symposium
Healthcare ideas for 2013?
 - Host a forum (e.g., luncheon or after-work event) in which health care professionals can be introduced to the array of Massachusetts organizations that work to increase access to health care for APA and/or reduce health care disparities affecting APA (e.g., MAP for Health, Joslin's AADI, The Quincy Asian Health Network, Tufts Medical/Metta Health/South Cove/Quincy Medical/other health care providers who focus on Asian populations, Asian Mental Health Program, Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence, etc.)
 - Speak with area health and community leaders on potential improvements to state's current approach to gathering information on APA health disparities. Present and compile to government officials a short list of concrete, fiscally feasible improvements to the way the state currently gathers data. Facilitate dialogue between government and the community, and help collectively move forward around concrete options.
5. New business
Old Business – Commissioner manual is now online
6. Next Commission meeting: **Tuesday, May 8th Office of the State Treasurer**