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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 14th, 2012

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Absent Commissioners are highlighted on left.

1. Review of minutes from last meeting
 - Geoffrey Why accepted the minutes, Kay Dong seconds.
2. 2012 Initiatives
Young Leader Symposium
 - Ken An met with several Commissioners to brainstorm ideas. He provided a draft of the program. It is tentatively set for September.Resource Fair, results from the Quincy festival on February 12th, 2012
 - Attendance at the fair was high. Over 500 attendees went by our 4 tables. About 450 totebags were handed out. The Commission had its own bilingual brochures of all the partnering state/federal agencies, about 400 were taken, half Chinese and half English. We made several connections with other state/federal agencies in attendance.
3. 2012 Unity Dinner
Wednesday, May 16th
Co-Chairs: Vinit Nijhawan, Managing Director of BU's Technology Development
Co-Chairs: Francis Chin, Immigration Attorney
Keynote Honoree: Nitin Nohria, Dean of Harvard Business School
 - Kay Dong, Priti Rao, and Joel Buenaventura have agreed to help.
4. MA Council on Compulsive Gambling
Marlene Warner, Executive Director, and Chien-Chi Huang, Asian Outreach, will be presenting information regarding the gambling bill.
 - The Council is not anti-gambling. Services are referrals, not direct.
 - Their Asian Outreach Initiative is in Chinese. The calls reach a voicemail system, no live person is available. The helpline has 5 languages. To staff the Asian hotline service, approximately \$200k annually.
 - California alone annually spends \$400k on Chinese services
 - The current gambling bill allocates 5% of revenue into public health trust. About \$5 million of revenue goes into problem gambling services. There are no specifics on Asian-based services.
 - About one third of high-roller patrons in casinos are Asians.
 - MA's bill is stricter than other states.
 - There is an overall shortage on Asian mental health professionals.
5. New business
6. Old Business
7. Next Commission meeting: **Tuesday, March 13th Office of the State Treasurer**