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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 17, 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 April minutes

Item #2: Executive Director Report -- Bora

- Focused on Unity Dinner
- Resource Fair in Lowell and Lynn
- Mental Health Forum, May 10 @ Clark University
- Eastern Bank event, May 16 @ Aloft Hotel
- Asian Caucus amended proposal to increase budget to \$75,000 but did not pass in the House;
- We are working on getting another amendment through and look for co-sponsors through the Senate:
 - The new budget would be to hire additional staff

Item #3: Executive Committee Report (see Elisa's report)

- Eastern Bank event solidifies a very good partnership between AAC and Eastern Bank
- AAC Newsletter: timing of the next newsletter TBD

Item #4: Introduction of new commissioners

- Chung Liu: appointed by Senate President
- Walter Kim: will step down because moving out of state
- Lianna Kushi: will also be stepping down
- Ivy Ho: new commissioner appointed by House Speaker to replace Lianna Kushi. Ivy is a professor at UMass Lowell

Item #5: Unity Dinner

- So far have over \$45,000 in sponsorship!
- VIP guests: all of Asian Caucus (except Paul Schmidt)
 - Consul Generals of Japan and Korea
 - Mayor of Malden and April English, Assistant Attorney General
- We will be doing a direct ask at each table
- Looking for a community member to make a pitch for donations
- We've opened up tickets for non-profit rates (\$75)

Item #6: OCPF and Ethic Training Video

- Must do online training and turn in signed acknowledgement at next monthly meeting
- Office of Campaigning / Political Finance: 4-hour training

Item #7: Subcommittees

- PR/Legislation: Evelyn Tang and Loan Dao



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- Considering a Form to submit for press release or response statements
- Interested in intern who has focus on PR/legislature

- HHS Committee:

- AA Mental Health Forum
- State Health Advocacy Day: October 17; also will follow up meeting with roundtable guests in June

- Financial Education - Gilbert

- Santander Bank Luncheon May 24

- Young Leader Symposium

- Committee Call May 31
- Potential dates: last 2 Saturdays of September, 10:30AM-4PM
- Still looking for a venue: Tufts? Bunker Hill?

Item #8: Stakeholder Advisory Group

- Department of Public Health focus on problem gambling
 - Public Health Trust Fund group -- open group to give comments on how to use the fund for preventative services
 - Stakeholder Listening Session June 28 at 1PM

Item #9: New Business:

Announced AAC HHS Advocacy Day at the State House – October 17, 2017 @ 10am

Item #10: Next Commission meeting: Every second Wednesday, next meeting will occur on Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Item #11: Other Community updates & Meeting adjourned