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Meeting Agenda

Monthly AAPIC Program & Research Subcommittee Meetings

Meeting Link: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6603360175>

Meeting ID: 660 336 0175

Monday, Sep 16, 2024 - 12 to 1 PM EST

The meeting will be held via teleconference in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order on the Open Meeting Law

*Meetings occur on the first Wednesday of every month

<p>Program & Research Subcommittee Team Members</p>	<p>AAPIC Commissioner Saatvik Ahluwalia (Chair) Commissioner Dr. Ekta Srinivasa Commissioner Amy Goh Commissioner Karen Chen Commissioner Moana Bentin Commissioner Dr. Richard Chu Commissioner Jennifer Rubin Commissioner Dr. Marilyn Park Yasmin Padamsee Forbes Shubhecchha Dhaurali</p>
<p>Aim</p>	<p>Spearhead our community engagement and research efforts, ensuring we stay connected and informed about the community's needs. The tag, "Engage & Insight," highlights our commitment to engaging with our community and gaining insights through research.</p>
<p>Focus Areas</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health, Education 2. Youth Council 3. Pacific Islanders 4. Western Mass 5. Listening Sessions 6. Tracking impact of programs 7. Conducting Surveys



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In Attendance:



Action Items from August Meeting

- Look for a link to a Women's Commission public hearing video to understand their format.
- Invite Jennifer from the policy side to discuss her experience with public hearings.
- Discuss public hearings and get Commission members' perspectives at a future meeting. - maybe October, November?

Agenda & Notes

1. hybrid public hearing held on 3/28/2024 at the Gardner Campus of Mount Wachusett Community College by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women
 - a.  Gardner Public Hearing
 - b. Gardner Public Hearing Summary - The MCSW conducted a hybrid hearing in Gardner, Mass, to hear from the residents in Worcester County. The event took place at Wachusett Community College as a hybrid event with over 60 total attendees. There were 311 individuals who viewed the livestream during or after the hearing, and 19 views on YouTube. The in-person event began with networking and registration, followed by welcomes and introductions from the Chair. Majority of the hearing was focused on public testimonies, and it concluded with an exit survey and a closing. Testimony from both in-person and virtual participants highlighted the importance of legislative action on various issues, including predatory lending and discrimination against black women, comprehensive sexual health & education, nursing/birthing justice, housing discrimination and non-disclosure agreements/No rehire provision.

Notes from video:

 - c. *ASL interpreter present
 - d. *First speech = President of Mount Wachusett Community College - talks about affordable community college in MA and impacts on North Central MA region
2. Public Hearing - bringing up in maybe October, November? Commission Meeting
 - a.  AAPI Alliance Presentation 4 MA AAPI Commission 8.6.24
 - b.  Bhutanese Listening Session MBMMxAAPIC 2024 Full Report



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- c. Afghan Listening Session MMBMxAAPIC Full Event Report 2...
- i. Cost of Living & Housing
- ii. Mental Health
- iii. Language Barriers & Communication Gaps
- d. Outline
 - i. Present national mental health data and qualitative listening session findings at public hearings
- 3. Key Issue Area Determination ([link](#))
 - a. Emailed Jennifer regarding proposing mental health, housing, and language access as key issue areas for commission vote
- 4. Community Health Equity Survey Results
 - a. AAPIC_CHES_Request_DRAFT.xlsx
 - b. AAPI Community Health Equity Survey Results

Strategic Priorities & Programs and Research

Current programs/research

Youth Council

Survey

Small Grants

Listening sessions/potential of hearings

Pacific Islander programming

Western Mass programming

1. Strategic Plan Updates [AAPI Strategic Priorities 2024-2026 FINAL DRAFT.docx](#)
 - a. Health, Education
 - i. Past focus: mental health [2 Health & Human Services Subcommittee](#)
 - b. Youth Council [Drive](#)
 - i. Addresses **Strategic Priority 1**: Elevate the voices of AAPI individuals who call Massachusetts home by building clear accountability and the fair distribution of resources to achieve equitable outcomes.
 1. Elevating Youth Voice through the Youth Council - By **December 2024**, re-think how to meaningfully integrate Youth Council members into Commission activities, such as participating in annual in-person meetings with Asian Caucus members.
 - a. New program
 - i. [YC Manual](#)
 - ii. [AAPIC Youth Council Manual Fall 2024 -](#)



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- iii. [Spring 2025](#)
[Ashley + Shubhecchha YC Meeting Notes](#)
- c. Addresses **Strategic Priority 3**- Build strategic partnerships and be a bridge to state-level agencies and institutions - Increase connections in all regions of the state - By **June 2025** and ongoing, develop a long-term plan to strengthen partnerships with Cape and Islands, Northshore, Southshore, and Central MA
 - i. Pacific Islanders
 - 1. [Brissa & Shubhecchha Meetings](#)
- d. Addresses **Strategic Priority 3**- Build strategic partnerships and be a bridge to state-level agencies and institutions - Increase connections in all regions of the state - By December 2024 and ongoing strengthen partnerships with communities in Western MA.
 - i. Western Mass [Drive](#)
 - 1. [Shubhecchha & Evan Meetings](#)
 - 2. [AAPIC Western Mass Meetings Qualitative/Thematic Analysis](#)
- e. **Strategic Priority 2** - Increase visibility of AAPI Commission and its work by giving a public voice to issues the community cares about
 - i. Listening Sessions
 - 1. [AAPIC Listening Sessions Toolkit](#)
 - 2. [AAPIC Listening Session Qualitative Analysis 2024](#)
- f. Conducting Surveys
 - i. Addresses **Strategic Priority 3**- Build strategic partnerships and be a bridge to state-level agencies and institutions - Build partnerships with research institutions (e.g. University of Massachusetts Boston, state agencies) to gather annual data on the Massachusetts AAPI community
 - ii. UMass Boston x AAPI Survey
 - 1. [Survey AAPIC x UMB](#)
- g. Tracking impact of programs
 - i. Addresses **Strategic Priority 3**- Build strategic partnerships and be a bridge to state-level agencies and institutions - Strengthen partnerships with community organizations
 - 1. **Deadline:** By **June 2024**, complete an analysis of which groups have applied for small grants in the past and make an outreach plan.
 - a. Small Grants



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- i. [2023 AAPI Small Grant Outcomes.pptx](#)
- ii. [2022 AAPI Small Grant Outcomes..pptx](#)
- b. [Measuring Small Grants Outcomes](#)
- c. EC Funding
 - i. [EC & Subcommittees Funding Log 2023-2024](#)



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