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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 13th, 2012
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1. Review of minutes from last meeting
2. Vote required to satisfy MOU with the Treasury.
Details of the appointment of the Executive Director?
Which members of the Commission will oversee the ED's activities and timesheet?
3. 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
4. 2012 Initiatives
Young Leader Symposium
Resource Fair – June/Aug Chinatown festival and Aug/Sept Lowell Water festival.
5. Discussion with Taro O'Sullivan, Executive Director of MAP for Health, a Massachusetts, Asian, South Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community-based organization that works for fairness, equality and inclusion for these communities in health care planning, disease prevention, primary care access, and service delivery.

O'Sullivan was the Executive Director of the Oregon's Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. We will have an open discussion on his work with the Commission.
6. New business
Old Business – Commissioner manual online by end of the week.
7. Next Commission meeting: **Tuesday, April 10th Office of the State Treasurer**

Upcoming Events, visit www.8centric.org for more details

Japanese Disaster Relief Fund Boston

Saturday, 17 March 2012 06:00pm - 10:00pm

Hope for Tohoku Benefit Concert and Reception: One Year After Tsunami

Joslin Diabetes Center

Monday, 26 March 2012 06:30pm - 09:30pm

A Spoonful of Ginger

ACDC Asian Community Development Corporation

Thursday, 12 April 2012 06:00pm - 09:00pm

25th Gala



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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.
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 - 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.
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