

AAQOL Commission Health Workgroup

Members:

Commissioner Kavita Radhakrishnan (Lead)
Commissioner Vince Cobalis
Commissioner Catherina Conte

Scope of Workgroup: To address health and wellness needs of underserved Asian American communities residing in the city of Austin

Date of Meeting: September 7, 2017

Location of Meeting: AARC

In Attendance:

Commissioner Kavita Radhakrishnan
Commissioner Vince Cobalis
Commissioner Shubhada Saxena (call-in)
Community members – Dr.Yuri Jang & Research Assistant
Community Member – Hailey Easley

Topics Discussed:

We discussed the value of making the AAQOL study data available to the public as well as city officials. In summary, we decided that we still need more information to make a decision on funding Dr.Jang's team to develop a data dictionary for the AAQOL data. Mainly, information on whether the city has resources to host the data and who will be willing to be trained to handle the data in the long-term will be needed to take a decision. A higher priority than developing a data dictionary might be to disseminate reports from the data as soon as possible in order to inform policies as well as inform future studies for either longitudinal comparison or deep dive analysis.

The discussion in detail is as follows:

- 1) Funding of about \$11K is requested by Dr.Jang's team to create a data dictionary. But additional funding may be needed to create a FTE to manage the traffic to the data as well as maintain any website that may be used to host the data for public access
- 2) We will need to talk to city officials or demographers on how they manage large datasets such as the AAQOL data as well as any mechanism / processes they have in place to maintain access to the data and training officials to handle the data.
- 3) We also discussed the value of funding the development of data dictionary. Dr.Jang and her team are already working on about 16 reports or publications from the dataset. Also, deep dive analysis of the data may not provide additional insights with confidence due to reduced power when datasets are stratified into smaller subsets.

- 4) There are additional ethical implications related to privacy and confidentiality as data related to physical addresses of participants will need to be deleted or else making the data public will be in violation to the University of Texas Institution Review Board (IRB)'s protocols.
- 5) We agreed that the highest priority now is to keep disseminating information or reports from the dataset as soon as possible to inform policy priorities. Also insights from these reports can be compared to studies conducted years later for longitudinal comparison.