

AAQOL Commission Health Workgroup

Members:

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

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

Date of Meeting: February 13, 2018

Location of Meeting: Asian American Resource Center

In Attendance:

Commissioner Kavita Radhakrishnan
Commissioner Vince Cobalis
Dr. Donna Rolin, UT School of Nursing
Community Member Hailey Easley (AARC Non-profit)
Call-in: Commissioner Catherina Conte

Topics Discussed:

- The Burmese Matu community will be provided with flu vaccination on Feb 20th due to collaboration between UT School of Nursing public health faculty and Austin Public Health. This experience can serve as a template for future vaccination flu campaigns for underserved communities that don't access traditional means to get vaccinated. An important contact for such vaccination efforts could be Pastor John from the Baptist Church?
- Commissioner Radhakrishnan has been selected to Austin chapter of American Heart Association's Heart Policy academy. This was also due to strategies to increase diversity by Brian Oakes, Equity Officer at City of Austin.
- A health fair for the Burmese/Bhutanese community is being organized by Ms. Pawkhu Hser from the AARC Community Health Navigator program and Ms. Binh Ly from Health Equity Unit of Austin Public Health. Talks are on to involve UT Asian American Nursing organization to help with the health fair along with UT Pharmacy students.
- Dr. Donna Rolin from UT School of Nursing presented about her program funded by the HRSA grant over 4 years. The grant involved providing integrated services (both physical and mental health services) in healthcare settings and targeting culturally and linguistically participants. The program involves placing student interns from 4 UT schools - psych nursing, medicine, pharmacy and social work at settings providing or ready to provide integrated services.
We brainstormed regarding:
 - identifying patients needing integrated health care

- Identifying healthcare settings amenable to Integrated healthcare
- Identify current gaps in services (including)

Settings interested in participating can also connect with Dr.Rolin directly.

We also discussed another grant opportunity targeting human trafficking and brainstormed settings that might have information of such victims of Asian American origin – American Gateways, AFSSA, Refugee Services of Austin

Next Meeting: March 13, 2018 Location: TBD

Agenda

- Ms. Hailey Easley will present AARC Nonprofit data for 2017
- Update from APH on services – Veena Vishwanath?