

Virginia Asian Advisory Board
Patrick Henry Building 1st Floor
1111 E. Broad Street, Richmond VA 23219
Wednesday August 24, 2011

Members Present:	Angela Chiang, Kim Oanh Cook, Sal Hundal, Andrew Ko, Eric Lin, Vicki Mirandah, Binh Nguyen, Joe Montano Jr., Dilip Sarkar, Shewling Moy Wong
Members Absent:	Shekar Challa, Chun Elmejjad, Michael Liew, Ray Obispo, Tony Pham, Suwattana Sugg, Felix Wong
Guests:	Matt Conrad , Christy Morton
Members of the Public:	Generra Peck

- I. Meeting was called to order at 9:10AM by the Chairperson (Binh Nguyen). Introductions were made around the room. We did not have quorum.
 - a. Comments:
 - i. Binh – Welcomed the Guests
 - ii. Binh – Recognized Mr. Matt Conrad (Deputy Chief of Staff) and Christy Morton (External Affairs Liaison to the Governor’s Office)
- II. Matt Conrad explained that he had prior commitments and would be only able to stay for a short period. Christy Morton would stay for the duration of the report.
- III. Report
 - a. Eric gave the Executive Summary
 - b. Vicki explained about the 3 town halls and the goals of soliciting feedback as well as introduction to the VAAB and its mission.
 - c. Vicki summarized the findings and recommendations in Workforce Development.
 - d. Sal summarized the findings and recommendations in International Trade & Development.
 - e. Andrew and Shewling summarized findings and recommendations in Education.
 - f. Dilip & Kim summarized the findings and recommendations in Health & Human Services.
 1. Angela also made note of need of Language Bank access (especially for Mental Health). Currently insufficient and must consider privacy issues, certification & compliance.
 - a. Angela noted that a single number for a translator pool would be feasible and inexpensive.
 2. Dilip suggested
 - a. that translators also need to be concerned about legal focus. Should consult with Doctors, Nurses and other health providers. Mental health is different and additional training is required regarding cultural diversity/sensitivity.
 - b. Also noted that aging issues within the Asian community also a problem.
 3. Kim also noted that the solutions may come out of areas outside of the mental health arena.
 - a. Kim noted that federal funds are available for instance the CDC and other entities provide funding for resources to educate about nutrition, cancer prevention, screening info etc.
 - g. Joe summarized the findings and recommendations regarding Immigration.
- IV. Conclusions and additional recommendations:
 - a. Joe – need to get beyond political rhetoric to determine the real issues within the communities. Also, in the past, the Commonwealth has constrained the tools required to make changes.
 - i. Also to develop better information sharing like the National Governor’s Association
 - b. Angela – Need coordinated needs assessment survey for Asian communities.
 - c. Kim – VAAB is well suited and willing to help the Governor and Secretary of Commerce and Trade with international trade missions.
 - d. Christy thanked the VAAB for our time and effort and stated that the Governor is looking forward to reading the report. They will contact us with any feedback or requests for clarification.
- V. Binh adjourned meeting at 10:45AM

Meeting minutes submitted by Eric Lin