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ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER AIDS LEADERS CONVENE IN WASHINGTON D.C.

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Days after President Bush's second term inaugural address, Asian and Pacific Islander AIDS leaders and advocates convened for a national meeting in Washington, DC on January 24, 25 and 26, 2005, to strategize, rejuvenate, reconnect, and form a united Asian and Pacific Islander AIDS agenda. Recognizing the need to strengthen Asian and Pacific Islander voices in the federal landscape and combat the decrease in domestic AIDS funding, skills building training sessions were held on areas such as public policy and advocacy, fiscal management, fund development, resource leveraging, self-care, and making the most out of legislative visits.

Participants had the opportunity to meet with Washington, DC-based Asian and Pacific Islander allies who are in the forefront of impacting health and civil rights policy. After a half day presentation from ManChui Leung, APIAHF HIV Program Director, and Gem Daus, APIAHF Policy Director, participants met with **Irene Bueno**, co-founder and principal of Nueva Vista Group LLC, a government relations, policy and political consulting firm in Washington, DC. Miss Bueno was also a former official of the Clinton administration, serving as a Special Assistant to the President in the White House Chief of Staff's Office and Domestic Policy Council.

Suki Terada Ports, community activist since the 1960s, founder of the Family Health Project, and HIV/AIDS grassroots organizations such as the Asian and Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Minority Task Force on AIDS, Iris House and Voices of

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One of the working groups during a skills building training session:
L to R: Thanh Nguyen, facilitator from Mosaica (standing); Ron T. Sy (facing away from camera) AIDS Services in Asian Communities, Philadelphia; Xuan-Lan Doan, Life Foundation, Honolulu; Alex Silverio, GUAHAN Project, Guam; Jonathon Berliner, Maui AIDS Foundation, Wailuku; and Efren Bose, Filipino Task Force on AIDS, San Francisco.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

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Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum moves into spring, and we are poised to hurdle challenges of the second Bush administration. Like many organizations, APIAHF has spent the last few months assessing its goals and strategies in light of continuing political realities. In this environment, APIAHF continues to look for new ways to affect the health agenda and create real change.

Last month, the President delivered his proposed budget that would eliminate or reduce funding for certain health care programs under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health and Human Services. Such cuts pose a threat to health issues APIAHF works on such as HIV. APIAHF will continue its advocacy efforts so that Congress will be informed, as it prepares to vote on this proposed budget.

APIAHF will convene regional forums to continually voice community concerns and recommendations to policymakers. The regional forums involve local community-based organizations in the logistical planning and agenda setting and combine APIAHF and local testimonies on issues of particular importance to that region. Discussions also focus on how to create change that can be translated into policy interventions to be published and shared with local and state policy makers. We have held forums in San Francisco, Seattle, Chicago and San Diego and are planning similar gatherings in Nevada, Florida and Minnesota.

We continue to address policy priorities which aim at increased access, better quality of care, a diverse and culturally competent health care workforce, increased research on and improved data collection of health and health care needs of AAPIs and increased investment in community-based health promotion programs.

In the meantime, we welcome your thoughts, advice and feedback on how we can make our work stronger towards addressing HIV and other health issues among Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders nationwide.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

From the Grassroots to the Sky

ManChui Leung
HIV/AIDS Program Director

"I am what time, circumstance, history, have made of me, certainly, but I am also, much more than that. So are we all."
-James Baldwin

"I change myself, I change the world"
-Gloria Anzaldúa

"Women hold up half the sky"
-Chinese proverb

While the challenges of these times can seem overwhelming, I look to visionaries such as James Baldwin and Gloria Anzaldúa to not only inspire but to remind us to get down to business - the business of building leaders to influence policymaking, to transform communities, and to motivate new generations.

There are so many intersecting issues and diverse needs when it comes to Asians, Pacific Islanders and health. This is why APIAHF recognizes the need to approach leadership development in a way that has a pulse on the community as well as in the halls of Congress. With this in mind, APIAHF approaches leadership development in three ways:

- Individually through trainings, information dissemination, and mentoring among providers, executive directors, community members, board members and researchers;
- Organizationally through capacity building assistance and the highlighting of best practices and;
- Community-wide through constituency building initiatives such as forums, campaigns, coalition building, and resource sharing.

This past year, APIAHF's HIV Program has forged new partnerships and invigorated existing ones to build Asian and Pacific Islander leadership in the HIV/AIDS movement. Our main partnership is with a national network of Asian and Pacific Islander organizations to provide capacity building assistance: Life Foundation in Honolulu, Asian and Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS in New York, Massachusetts Asians and Pacific Islanders for Health in Boston, Asian and Pacific Islander Wellness Center in San Francisco, Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team in Los Angeles, and Asian Health Coalition of Illinois in Chicago. Together, we have a 5-year roadmap, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to increase individual, organizational and community leadership to respond to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Our partners are highlighted in this issue of *HIV Forum*. We will continue to feature their activities and successes in the next few issues.

Another exciting partnership is with Georgetown University in Washington DC, University of California in San Francisco and eight community based organizations for the Men of Asia Testing for HIV (MATH) study. This is a five year testing study funded by the National Institutes of Health. Tri Do (UCSF), a seasoned activist and researcher-to-watch-out-for (in the good way), has been the catalyst for this study that hopes to build testing, research and data collection capacity among participating community based organizations.

I hope that you will enjoy the new and improved *HIV Forum*. With increased capacity and a sharpened focus, APIAHF hopes to continue building leadership from the grassroots to the sky.

PARTNERS IN FOCUS

By Victor Abud Hall

The HIV/AIDS pandemic's disproportionate impact on racial and ethnic minorities continues to increase with people of color now representing the majority of new HIV cases in the United States. While Asian and Pacific Islanders have been at the forefront of AIDS activism and coalition building since the mid-eighties, we continue to go un-recognized as a community deeply impacted by AIDS. In many states and counties, we, together with our Native American and Native Hawaiian brothers and sisters are still being reported as "Other" - deemed too insignificant to count. This pandemic is far from over, and we still have a lot to do if we would like to live in a world where AIDS is referred to as something of the past.

Since its founding, APIAHF has been taking the lead in bringing members of the community together as powerful voice. APIAHF has been providing capacity building and technical assistance to community-based grassroots organizations at the forefront of the battle against HIV/AIDS, making them stronger forces for continued advocacy.

In strengthening our work, APIAHF has partnered with six organizations across the country to form a National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) Network. Each organization contributes their own expertise in the field and resources in making this 5-year long project a success.

Participants of the last CBA Partners Meeting held in San Francisco, January 10, 11 & 12, 2005.

Top Row, from Left to Right: Darlene DuBrall and Xuan-Lan Doan, Life Foundation; Ben Chan, APIWC, Karl Kimpo, AHCI, Victor Abud Hall, APIAHF, Keith Yamaguchi, CDC, Elizabeth Mediano, APAIT, Benny Ferro, CDC, Tim Young, APAIT, ManChui Leung, APIAHF, and Kevin Huang-Cruz, APICHA.
Bottom Row, from Left to Right: Viveka Chen, CompassPoint Facilitator, Lina Sheth, APIWC, Ramani Sripada-Vas, MAP For Health, Cecilia Chung, APIAHF, Lori Higa, APIWC, Ed Tepporn, APIAHF

The following is a list and description of our areas of expertise and capacity building assistance (CBA) services offered:

ORGANIZATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Training, organizational assessments, one-to-one consultations and resources to build the infrastructure and leadership capacity of community based organizations. Currently, APIAHF and partners have been conducting organizational assessments, facilitated peer-based coaching for executive directors and board chairs, as well as providing community based organizations with consultants for program evaluation, fund development, program planning and development and strategic planning.

INTERVENTION AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Training, program assessments, one-to-one consultations, and curriculums to improve the planning, implementation and evaluation of prevention interventions. This includes assisting community based organizations in tailoring the different DEBI (Diffusion of Effective Behavioral Interventions) for Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

HIV/AIDS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN - THE BANYAN TREE PROJECT

A groundbreaking year-round national campaign to fight HIV-related discrimination and stigma in Asian and Pacific Islander communities, and the First Annual National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, both to be launched on May 19, 2005.

FACES - FOSTERING ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT SKILLS

Trainings, one-to-one consultation and networking opportunities to improve leadership and skills to participate and be effective in the HIV community planning process. APIAHF and partners have developed both basic and intermediate curricula that focus on leadership, alliance building, public speaking, understanding epidemiological data, and navigating the community planning process.

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FACES: KICK OFF

by Cecilia Chung

Fostering Advocacy and Community Empowerment Skills (FACES) kicked off in the beginning of February in sunny Southern California with the basic level training. There were 14 participants who enjoyed the hospitality of our capacity building assistance partner, Asian Pacific Islander AIDS Intervention Team (APAIT). The two-day training was a great success and we saw participants departing with new-found alliances and network resources. Thank you to our partners, Elizabeth, Noel and Tim at APAIT!

Our next stop in Chicago took place at the end of February. We were welcomed by Joanna Su, Executive Director of Asian Health Coalition of Illinois (AHCI) on the first day of training. Participants all reported acquiring a new level of understanding of the community planning group process as well as new contacts in Wisconsin, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC . We enjoyed the wonderful Asian fusion cuisine at the Big Bowl restaurant (looks like deep dish pizza is not the only signature of Chicago)! Thank you Karl Kimpo for being such a good host!

Our next trainings will be in New York and Hawai'i in mid-March. Asian and Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS (APICHA) will host an "East Coast" training with community members coming from New York, Delaware, Georgia, Washington DC and New Jersey. Life Foundation will conduct a FACES training with the diverse Asian and Pacific Islander advocates from Oahu, Hawai'i Big Island, Kauai and Maui.,

To wrap up the month of March, we will debut our FACES - Intermediate level training in San Francisco for current Asian and Pacific Islander members of community planning groups.

As always, APIAHF and capacity building assistance partners aim to develop relevant and culturally competent curriculum to improve strong leadership and advocacy skills. We take strides in making it a fun and enjoyable experience for everyone. We are looking forward to the coming year and seeing you at our next training!

COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

LORNA SUMARAGA

by Ed Tepporn

Over the next year, we'll be interviewing Asians and Pacific Islanders who are involved in HIV prevention community planning groups (CPGs). Through these interviews, we hope that those of you are not currently serving on a CPG are inspired to get involved. For this issue, we interviewed Lorna Sumaraga of the Santa Clara County (California) HIV Prevention Community Planning Group.

Lorna is a single parent who has been involved in HIV/AIDS and health education since 1991. She first started in high school as a peer educator on teen pregnancy and HIV.

APIAHF: Lorna, does your name have any special meaning, translation, or significance?
Lorna: My name's origin? Hmmm...I know it's the name of an old-school-back-in-the-day shortbread cookie - "Lorna Doone." Other than that, I was told its origin is Scottish.

APIAHF: Scottish, eh? Are you from Scotland?
Lorna: No, I am a 100% "San Francisco Bay Area Gurl." I was born in Palo Alto, and raised in East Palo Alto, Mountain View, Milpitas, and East San Jose.

APIAHF: So you currently serve on Santa Clara County's CPG. How long have you been a CPG member?
Lorna: I have been on the CPG for a little over 2 years.

APIAHF: What were your initial hopes or expectations about the community planning process when you first joined the CPG?

Lorna: My initial hope was to really help shape HIV prevention policy in Santa Clara County. I thought it was important for the CPG to become even more relevant to diverse communities, especially those that were hard-to-reach.

APIAHF: Any communities in particular?
Lorna: Immigrants and refugees, "down-low" youth, incarcerated populations, people currently in recovery for substance use, and persons living with HIV/AIDS.

APIAHF: How have your actual experiences compared to your initial hopes or expectations?
Lorna: I had worked for a few other counties before, so I wrongly assumed that we had a data collection system in place. Through humor and tenacity, our CPG began piecing together information from reliable data sources and feedback from community members, health providers and interfaith sectors.

It's been challenging for our CPG because of fluctuating staff turn-over from the government and community sectors. Also, our members have different levels of working knowledge and skill sets regarding the CPG process. Lastly, it's challenging for some folks to actively participate in our CPG due to their own time constraints and commitments.

Regardless, I still have a whole lot of hope that our CPG is on its way to finally having a finished HIV prevention comprehensive plan that reflects my community's diverse, and sometimes divergent, voices despite the lack of resources and data.

APIAHF: What advice would you give to other Asian and Pacific Islander CPG members?

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FROM THE HILL

CALL TO ACTION: Reauthorize Ryan White CARE Act

by Gem Daus
Policy Director

In March, APIAHF signed on to a letter to members of Congress urging them to support reauthorization of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act this year. The CARE Act is the payer of last resort; designed to address the gaps left by Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, and other publicly financed health care systems. It remains an essential part of our nation's response to the domestic HIV/AIDS epidemic, providing services to approximately 533,000 HIV-positive individuals every year.

Initially passed in 1990, reauthorized in 1996 and again in 2000, the CARE Act has always enjoyed wide bipartisan support from Congress and the Administration. This critical piece of legislation is set to expire September 30, 2005. Without an authorization, Congress does not have to appropriate funds to this program (However, President Bush has already included funds for CARE programs in his FY 2006 budget).

President Bush announced his support for the reauthorization in his State of the Union address by saying, "Because HIV/AIDS brings suffering and fear into so many lives, I ask you to reauthorize the Ryan White Act." But that was it. He did not mention an amount.

The letter asked that the CARE Act be reauthorized by September 30, 2005. It also asked the CARE Act to:

Remain focused on providing lifesaving care and treatment, and the necessary support services to attain that care.

- Continue to promote equitable access to a full range of vital health care and related support services for all persons living with HIV/AIDS nationwide.
- Keep programs and services current with the latest research and knowledge of HIV/AIDS, including qualified health providers, advanced medications, and access to cutting-edge clinical trials.
- Increase collaboration and communication across all of the CARE Act titles, and this increased co-ordination should include federal agencies such as Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Social Security Administration (SSA), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Maintain community planning, consumer input, and coordination with local health-care systems and decision-makers.
- Promote knowledge of HIV status through voluntary testing.
- Be adequately funded through the annual appropriations process.

For more information on the latest on public policy issues and advocacy efforts, contact **Gem Daus, APIAHF Policy Director at 202-446-7772, gdaus@apiahf.org**

ADVOCACY IN THE PACIFIC

The Pacific Island Jurisdictions AIDS Action Group (PIJAAG), which includes participants from all six U.S.-affiliated jurisdictions, attended an in-person meeting held in Honolulu, Hawaii from December 7-10, 2004. PIJAAG's purpose is to advocate for the provision of quality HIV prevention and care services in the Pacific region; advise national, international, and local policy entities on HIV/AIDS; and strengthen and coordinate AIDS activities through the sharing of information and resources. This meeting allowed the Capacity Building Assistance providers in the Pacific to focus on segments dedicated to increasing their knowledge and skills related to community planning and by increasing representation and involvement.

PACIFIC ISLAND JURISDICTIONS AIDS ACTION GROUP

LORNA SUMARAGA
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Lorna: Always maintain your pulse on Asian and Pacific Islander community affairs, including events that are non-HIV related as well. I've also learned to not take it too personally when others disagree with my policy opinions and advocacy efforts.

APIAHF: Any other suggestions?
Lorna: Delegate! Delegate! Don't take on everything - my bad habit! Also, don't isolate yourself. Keep connected with others who may also be struggling with the CPG process. While I still find the CPG process slow at times, I've been able to still have fun and maintain my sense of humor in my work with the CPG.

APIAHF: What has been the most challenging aspect of being an Asian and Pacific Islander CPG member?
Lorna: The most challenging aspect as an Asian and Pacific Islander CPG member is the lack of knowledge, solid data, information, and documentation about my people. I am just one opinion of an extremely diverse people.

I believe my colleagues are allies, yet I feel discussion about oppression and its connections to HIV prevention, health, well-being, self-determination and empowerment issues is still a very uncomfortable one in Santa Clara County and probably elsewhere. I keep finding that there is never enough time to explore such discussions in the short time of the CPG meetings.

APIAHF: What has been the most rewarding aspect of being an Asian and Pacific Islander CPG member?
Lorna: Having the opportunity to work with other dedicated folks around the table is a real honor and rewarding experience. It's for all the dear and close friends, colleagues, and guest high school speakers who are currently living with HIV/AIDS. It's for those who have passed from HIV/AIDS. And it's for my family member who just passed away from AIDS. My CPG involvement is just one of the many ways for me to honor and show love for their lives.

APIAHF: Thanks Lorna, and best of luck with all your CPG efforts.

If you are currently a CPG member and would like to share your perspectives and experiences in an upcoming issue, then please contact **Ed Tepporn at etepporn@apiahf.org.**

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Women of Color Against HIV/AIDS gave additional insights, and spoke of the history of Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS activism. **Paul Kawata**, Executive Director of the National Minority AIDS Council and long-time AIDS activist gave participants perspective of the current political climate as it affects members of the Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS community.

Participants also had an opportunity to meet and interact with other members of the Asian and Pacific Islander political community like **Shamina Singh**, Director of Woman Vote and former Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; **Marlan Maralit**, Organizing Director of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance; **Ginger Lew**, CEO and Managing Director of the Telecommunications Development Fund; **Robert Sakaniwa**, Senior Counsel for Congressman Mike Honda, and **Nina Sung**, Legislative Aide for House Democratic Leader, Nancy Pelosi.

One tangible result from the meeting was strategizing on the first ever national Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day to be held on May 19, which coincides with national Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Through funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, we will recognize the importance of this historical occasion with a multi-media presentation, experts panel and press conferences in six cities across the U.S. including San Francisco, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Chicago, Washington D.C., and Boston. With the theme "Rooted in Acceptance," the goal will be to fight HIV-related stigma and discrimination in Asian and Pacific Islander communities on a national level.

On a personal note, it was revelatory to learn that many of my colleagues are facing the same if not similar situations within our respective regions. At the same time, certain situations are unique from one another. Regardless of HIV prevention apathy, funding cuts, or dramatic shifts in AIDS policy, it was reassuring to witness fellow activists remain committed, compassionate and steadfast in their determination to continue the battle against the AIDS pandemic. To this extent, I commend the extraordinary efforts of my colleagues and toast each and every single one.

Hila Berl, Program Administrator of Mosaica facilitating the workshop on Financial Management and Planning.

Upcoming Trainings and Conferences:

NATIONAL HIV/AIDS UPDATE CONFERENCE
Oakland, California
April 10, 2005 - April 13, 2005
For more information, visit:
www.amfar.org

2005 NATIONAL HIV PREVENTION CONFERENCE
Atlanta, Geogria
June 12, 2005 - June 15, 2005
For more information, visit:
www.2005hivprevconf.org

HIV PREVENTION LEADERSHIP SUMMIT (HPLS)
San Francisco, California
July 31 - August 3, 2005
For more information, visit:
www.nmac.org

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE ON AIDS (USCA)
Houston, Texas
September 29 - October 2, 2005
Scholarship applications are due on
June 10, 2005
Abstracts are due on
April 8, 2005
For more information, visit:
www.nmac.org

PARTNERS IN FOCUS

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Following is a list and brief description of our partners:

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Since opening its doors as Hawai'i's first AIDS organization in 1983, Life Foundation has been implementing programs such as case management, school based AIDS education, the sterile needle exchange, treatment education and peer based HIV prevention intervention such as IKON and UTOPIA. Life Foundation has been at the forefront in developing programs specifically for Native Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific Islander women, youth, gay and bisexual men, and transgenders.

ASIAN PACIFIC AIDS INTERVENTION TEAM (APAIT)

605 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 610, Los Angeles, CA 90015
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Contact: Elizabeth Mediano

Based in Los Angeles with a satellite office in Orange County, APAIT has been providing a continuum of prevention, health and social services, community leadership and advocacy since 1987. APAIT provides innovative programming to the diverse urban Asian and Pacific Islander community in Southern California through its Bionic Women Transgender Program, Women on Women (WOW) Program and Prevention Reaching Others (PRO) 96.7 Men's Program. APAIT has also been successful in implementing interventions such as Many Men, Many Voices (3MV) for gay and bisexual men.

ASIAN HEALTH COALITION OF ILLINOIS (AHCI)

4554 N. Broadway, Suite 306, Chicago, IL 60640
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Contact: Karl Villanueva-Kimpo

AHCI is a grassroots organization, created by community members and health care providers in December 1996. Today, the coalition is composed of a diverse array of community-based organizations, health care providers, and public health officials. Providing a voice for Asian and Pacific Islander health concerns in the state of Illinois, AHCI advocates for improved health data collection and dissemination, inclusion of Asian and Pacific Islanders in health-related programs, and the provision of culturally and linguistically appropriate care. Through their experience and diverse pool of experts, AHCI has provided capacity building assistance on coalition building, community organizing, and leadership development.

ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER COALITION ON HIV/AIDS, Inc. (APICHA)

150 Lafayette Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10013
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Contact: Kevin Huang-Cruz

In the fall of 1989, six Japanese American women activists founded APICHA after being inspired by the People of Color AIDS Conference earlier that year. APICHA's mission is to combat AIDS-related discrimination and to support, empower, and enhance the quality of life of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the New York City area - particularly community members living with AIDS and HIV infection - through client services, education, training and technical assistance, community organizing, coalition building, policy analysis, and research. APICHA provides a "one-stop" shop approach with HIV prevention, testing, support services, and an on-site primary care clinic. APICHA has extensive expertise in building coalitions with other communities of color and working with city and state health departments on improving data collection on Asians and Pacific Islanders.

MASSACHUSETTS ASIANS & PACIFIC ISLANDERS FOR HEALTH (MAP for Health)

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Contact: Ramani Sripada-Vaz

MAP for Health founded in 1993 promotes health, HIV and sexuality awareness, and access to care in Massachusetts Asian, South Asian and Pacific Islander communities through education, advocacy and technical assistance. Through the implementation of successful programs such as the Asian and Pacific Islander Youth Program, AZN Pride, and Men's Program, MAP for Health has expertise in interventions such as MPowerment. MAP for Health also have successfully integrated community organizing and coalition building, for example in their Women's Social Justice Project, and policy advocacy into their work in improving community health and empowerment.

ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER WELLNESS CENTER

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A community center for sexual health and HIV/AIDS services, Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center was founded 1987 as a grassroots response to the HIV/AIDS crisis in communities of color. Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center provides a comprehensive continuum of prevention, treatment and care services in 20 different languages. Its national Research and Technical Assistance (RTA) department has provided capacity building assistance over the past 10 years. RTA has also developed collaborative research projects with community based researchers to learn more about Asian and Pacific Islander attitudes and behaviors; and the effectiveness of HIV strategies. Through their experience organizing the Asian and Pacific Islander stage at San Francisco's Pride, Asian and Pacific Islander Wellness Center has gained extensive expertise in event planning and community level interventions.

HIV Forum will be featuring more of each partner and provide updates on our progress in the issues ahead. If you have any questions about this article or belong to an organization that may need CBA services, please call ManChui Leung, HIV Program Director at 415-568-3307.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS from APIAHF

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THE ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HEALTH FORUM is in search of the following:

HIV PROGRAM COORDINATOR II
Responsible for coordinating the objectives of a community based research collaborative entitled MATH (Men of Asia Testing for HIV).

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (COO)
Will represent the APIAHF nationally and be responsible in managing organization operations by directing and coordinating activities consistent with established goals, objectives, and policies in line with the mission and vision of the organization.

CONSULTANTS
We are constantly on the lookout for non-profit professionals with expertise in organizational development, strategic planning, fund development, program planning and evaluation.

If interested in any of these opportunities, or if you have any questions, please send an e-mail to: **spadua@apiahf.org** or check out our website at **www.apiahf.org**.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT 2005

APIAHF's annual Signature Event.
A gathering of Asian chefs, restaurants, and food purveyors from the San Francisco Bay Area.

Friday, May 6, 2005
Nob Hill Masonic Center
1111 California Street
San Francisco

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