

APIAHF

Asian & Pacific Islander National Cancer Survivors Network News

Upcoming Events:

- Cancer Strategy Exchange: API Patient Navigation Services on Tuesday May 17, 2005 from 11 am–12 pm PST, 2 pm – 3pm EST

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Message from the Director: Roxanna Bautista, Chronic Diseases Program Director

This past year marked the beginning of the second year of our Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant, which enabled us to develop the Asian and Pacific Islander Cancer Survivors' Capacity Building (AAPI CSCB) Project. The first two years of the project were challenging in garnering interest from cancer survivors, advocates, organizations, and programs, the target of our project. However, the accomplishments we have made entail increasing membership of individuals

and organizations within our Asian & Pacific Islander National Cancer Survivors' Network (APINCSN) as well as developing our AAPI Cancer Resources Directory, which benefit our target population. In addition, we have heard from the community members and organizations about what they feel is needed to best meet the needs of the AAPI population when it comes to cancer.

Through focus groups conducted in these first two years of our project, we will develop



recommendations to share with CDC, the Office of Cancer Survivorship, cancer organizations, health departments, and health care providers in order to improve health care delivery to cancer patients, survivors and their caregivers. We

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Clinical Trials and Asian and Pacific Islanders

In November 2004, the Asian & Pacific Islander National Cancer Survivors Network (APINCSN) held its third Cancer strategy exchange teleconference. The National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service (NCI CIS) was invited to provide participants with a presentation on Clinical Trials and Asian and Pacific Islanders (API) and strategies to increase API participation in Clinical Trials.

NCI CIS staff Zul Surani from the USC Norris Cancer Center and Dawn Nozicka from the UC Davis Cancer Center spoke with participants on the importance of participation, and representation in clinical trials. The web seminar format, where presentation slides were distributed before the call, offered participants the opportunity to view the slides while the presentation was being conducted over the

phone.

Participants received a quick overview of the history of clinical trials, their importance and how they are conducted. After learning, the background on clinical trials, Zul and Dawn discussed with participants the barriers faced by Asian and Pacific Islanders interested in participating in clinical trials, as well as historical clinical trials that

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A Message from AAPCHO: The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations

The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) is a consortium partner alongside APIAHF on its AAPI Cancer Survivors Capacity Building Project. As a partner, AAPCHO will help develop resources for AAPI cancer patients and survivors, develop and convene the National AAPI Cancer Support Group Task Force, and participate in the Asian & Pacific Islander National Cancer Survivors Network and its Cancer Strategy Exchanges.

Through this project, AAPCHO will work with Asian American and Pacific Islander serving community health centers to develop culturally and linguistically appropriate cancer support groups for AAPIs. Nina L.

Agbayani, AAPCHO's Director of Programs, will oversee the organization's involvement in this project. She currently serves as a member of the Pacific Global Health Conference Planning committee and the Intercultural Cancer Council Advisory Board. In addition to disseminating relevant cancer information to community health centers, AAPCHO is also helping coordinate focus groups in Seattle, WA and Honolulu, HI to assess the availability of cancer resources .

AAPCHO is a national, not-for-profit organization, representing the nation's leaders in providing quality, comprehensive community health care services that are financially affordable, linguistically accessible and

culturally appropriate for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. Each year AAPCHO health centers serve over 200,000 clients through its 19 member centers across the nation.

Previously, through its Community Approach to Responding Early (CARE) Program for Breast & Cervical Cancer, AAPCHO developed a national model of breast and cervical cancer early detection for AAPI women. A culturally sensitive replication model was implemented at six community health centers targeting various AAPI groups. For more information on AAPCHO, please visit www.aapcho.org.

A Message from KPHC: Kalihi Palama Health Center



Kalihi Palama Health Center
Honolulu, HI

Kalihi-Palama Health Center (KPHC) is a private, non-profit community based health center located in Honolulu, HI. KPHC is a full service outpatient health center with over 100,000 visits per year, offering Behavioral Health, Dental, Internal Medicine and Family Practice, Health Care for the Homeless, Health Education, Health Professions Education, Midwifery, Optometry, Pediatrics, Women's Health, Women's Infants and Children's Nutrition Program (WIC). Over 80% of KPHC's patients are Asian and Pacific

Islander with over 1/3 of our patients requiring an interpreter.

KPHC is a mission driven organization. We are here to provide needed preventive and primary care services, to advocate for those in need, and to educate those we touch – from the individual patients and groups within our community to agencies and community leaders. Our vision is to be a leader in community-based health care, innovative and resourceful in our development of culturally sensitive programs and services, that

improve the overall health and well-being of our patients and our communities. With a multicultural, multilingual caring staff of skilled professionals speaking 16 different languages and dialects, Kalihi-Palama Health Center is a haven for families from all walks of life around Oahu.

As part of the Asian and Pacific Islander Cancer Survivors Capacity Building Project, KPHC has been actively conducting outreach and recruitment to community members and local and state organizations

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A Message From KPHC Cont'd:

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to reach and involve those working with AAPI communities around Oahu and the outer islands to join the cancer survivorship project network. In our outreach efforts, we have also continued our needs assessment of Asian and Pacific Islander communities here in Hawaii. With such a vast majority of APIs living on the islands, it is important that we attempt

to accurately address individual and community needs.

As we have moved along in our direct outreach, we have simultaneously continued our efforts towards building an online cancer resource guide that we serve as a primary source for providers at Kalihi-Palama Health Center and for other providers in Hawaii looking to connect patients with resources in

terms of support and treatment.

If you have any questions regarding our project, please feel free to email Andrea Macabeo, MPH, CHES at amacabeo@kphc.org or call 808.791.6326.



AAPICSB project partners: (left to right): Amy Wong, Roxanna Bautista, Joyce Young, Nina Agbayani, Andrea Macabeo, and Tam Le

A Message from FHC: Family Health Center of Worcester

The Southeast Asian Health Program (SEAHP) at the Family Health Center (FHC) of Worcester, Massachusetts is a community outreach program targeting the Southeast Asian Community, promoting healthy life style, and access to affordable quality health care. Over the last 13 years, SEAHP has reached out to more than 4,000 Southeast Asians (about 50% of the local Southeast Asian population), with the assistance of funding received from the Office of Minority Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and several National Asian and Pacific Islander (API) health advocacy organizations. SEAHP in collaboration with these agencies has been actively addressing critical health issues in the local Southeast Asian community, ranging from chronic diseases to mental health and domestic violence, from healthy life style to child

and adult literacy.

Since 2003, SEAHP has been a partner of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) working on the Asian and Pacific Islander Cancer Survivors Capacity Building (API CSCB) project. In the first year of the API CSCB project, SEAHP conducted focus groups among senior community members to assess the level of cancer awareness, the burden of cancer, the challenges, and the support programs needed by the community. SEAHP has been actively outreaching to state, regional and national cancer organizations to develop needed resources and trainings. SEAHP also collaborated with the Massachusetts Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (MCCCP) to provide an API perspective on cancer prevention and

control to draft the MCCCP strategies and action plan recommendations. They have also collaborated with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to create and review a Colon-rectal Cancer poster in Vietnamese, the first major health promotion poster created in Vietnamese at the State level in Massachusetts.

In this next year, SEAHP will continue its activities in collaboration with the API CSCB project and outreach for membership of local, state and regional cancer organizations and individuals for the project. SEAHP will use the Cancer Burden document released by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, to assist in the future development of cancer support groups in the local Southeast Asian

communities. SEAHP will also be developing a bilingual health Newsletter with articles on health issues, such as cancer, in Vietnamese and Cambodian languages.

If you have any questions regarding our project, please feel free to email Tam Le at Tam.LeFHCW@umassmed.edu or call (508) 860-7937.

APIAHF's Cancer Strategy Exchange: AAPI Patient Navigation Services



Please join the Asian and Pacific Islander National Cancer Survivors Network (APINCSN) for a cancer strategy exchange teleconference to discuss the topic of "Patient Navigation programs and the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community".

Speakers will share existing patient navigation programs in the API community and other minority communities, best

practices, community response to the program, and answer questions from those interested in starting patient navigation programs in their communities.

This is an opportunity for existing API Patient Navigation programs and those interested in starting a similar program to network and exchange ideas.

The teleconference will be held Tuesday, May

17, 2005 from From:

12:00 to 1:00 PM PST
9:00 to 10:00 AM HAST
3:00 to 4:00 PM EST

Space is limited! Please email Joyce Young at Jyoung@apiahf.org to **RSVP By May 10, 2005**

Asian and Pacific Islander National Cancer Resource Guide: A Call to Action

The Asian and Pacific Islander Cancer Survivors Capacity (APICSCB) project would like to invite organizations to participate in the development of the first national Asian and Pacific Islander Cancer Resource Guide. The Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) has been funded by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to develop a resource guide that connects Asian and Pacific Islanders (API) cancer patients and survivors to culturally sensitive and linguistically

appropriate resources.

The APICSCB project resource guide will be published in August 2005, and distributed nationwide to API cancer patients and survivors. The APICSCB project resource guide will fill a gap and allow API cancer programs and services to outreach and network on a national level. Please join the APIAHF in ensuring API cancer program, and service information is easy to access and reaches all API cancer patients and survivors that need support throughout their cancer experience.

If you are interested in having your organization included in the resource guide or would like more information please contact Joyce Young at (415)568-3311 or jyoung@apiahf.org

Upcoming Focus Groups

For year two of the Asian and Pacific Islander Cancer Survivors Capacity Building project (APICSCB), the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) and it's consortium partners will be conducting a series of focus groups to assess the needs of Asian and Pacific Islanders in regards to cancer and survivorship.

The focus groups will gather cancer survivors, program staff, patients, and caregivers to discuss the:

- Availability of AAPI cancer resources in your community
- Strategies to address

- any gaps and needs
- Challenges and successes in addressing cancer in the AAPI community
- Future opportunities to network with others

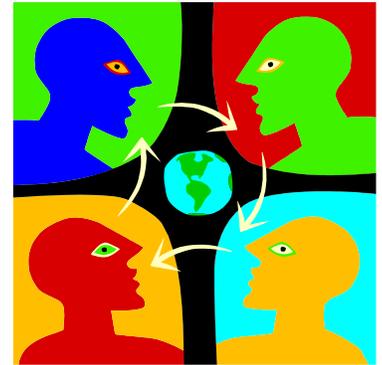
A total of three focus groups will be conducted this year.

The first will be in Seattle, Washington on May 10, 2005. For more information please contact Andrea Macabeo at amacabeo@healthhawaii.org or (808)791-6326.

The Second will be conducted in Twin Cities, Minnesota during the week of May 23, 2005 . To learn more about this focus group please

contact Amy Wong at awong@apiahf.org (415) 568-3311.

The last focus groups will be held in conjunction with the Pacific Global Health Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii on June 16,2005. For more information please contact Joyce Young at jyoung@apiahf.org or (415)568-3311



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AAPI Clinical Trials Cont'd have led to distrust from minority communities. At the end of the teleconference, they were able to offer participants clinical trial resources and further NCI CIS clinical trial training resources for cancer program staff. If you would like to receive further information on this training, please contact: Joyce Young at jyoung@apiahf.org

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Message from the Director have also sparked interest of our APINCSN members through our Cancer Strategy Exchanges, which highlighted topics such as sharing cancer projects and activities, cancer advocacy campaigns, AAPIs and clinical trials, AAPI cancer support groups, and patient navigation.

In Year Three, APIAHF will continue to work towards reaching our proposed project objective

to increase resources by the development of a sustainable network of cancer programs and support groups serving AAPI communities to provide outreach, cancer awareness, screening, education, and survivorship support for AAPI cancer patients and survivors.

Through the proposed objectives and activities for the upcoming year, APIAHF will continue with our efforts

to maintain and support the infrastructure created for cancer programs and resources.

In addition, the project will continue to provide capacity building assistance and support to AAPI serving cancer support groups, AAPI serving community based organizations, health departments, and national cancer programs

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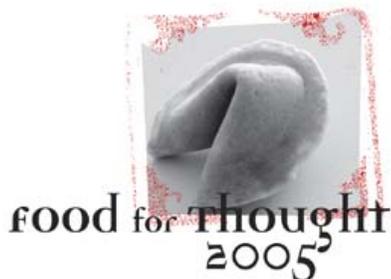
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Food for Thought 2005



Please come to a fundraising event featuring world-renowned Asian chefs and food-purveyors of the San Francisco Bay Area to benefit the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum

Friday, May 6, 2005 6:00-9:00 PM
Nob Hill Masonic Center
1111 California Street

Program:

6:00pm: Registration and Silent Auction

6:30pm Food & Wine Tasting

Enjoy culinary creations of

Charles Phan (Slanted Door)
Khai Duong (Ana Mandara)
Pathama Parikanont (Thep Phanom)
Mike Yakura (Le Colonial)
Chris Yeo (Straits)
Kelly Degala (Va de Vi)
Brenda Buenviaje (Café Claude)
Andy Halvorsen (Bambuddha Lounge)
Michelle Mah (Ponzu)
Peter Pahk (Silverado, Napa)
Sean Pattanasuvoranun (Tangerine)
Luke Sung (Isa/Lüx)

Special participation by

AsiaSF, Koi Palace, Moonstar, Saha
Tommy Toy's

Wine tasting

Chalk Hill Estate, Cline Cellars, De
Loach Vineyards, Harvest Moon, Matan-
zas Creek Winery, Qwady Winery

Sake tasting

Gekkeikan Horin Sake

Beer tasting

Kirin Beer, Sapporo Beer, Sierra Nevada

Tea tasting

Red Blossom Tea Company

7:30pm: Keynote Address

Dr. Steven Chu, 1997 Nobel Laureate for
Physics

Honoree: Ms. Jennie Chin Hansen

Former Executive Director, On Lok Senior
Health

Remarks: Hon. Mike Honda, Member of
Congress & Chair of the Congressional
APA Caucus

Ms. Susan M. Shinagawa, Founder and
Co-Chair of API National Cancer
Survivors Network

9:00pm Coffee, tea & fortune cookies.

Celebrity Emcee Ms. Thuy Vu, KGO-TV

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