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VOICES 2023

OCTOBER 18-19, 2023
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Schedule At A Glance

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 8:00 - 9:00 am Breakfast (Invitation Only)
- 9:00 am - 4:00 pm APIAHF Accelerator Lab Partners Meeting (Invitation Only)
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch (Invitation Only)
- 1:00 - 4:00 pm EVAC Partners Meeting (Invitation Only)
- 8:00 - 10:00 pm Screening: "Unconditional"

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 7:30 - 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 - 9:45 am Breakfast Plenary - The Honorable Xavier Becerra, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services
- 9:45 - 10:45 am Plenary - "Unconditional" with Richard Lui
- 10:45 - 11:15am Networking Break
- 11:15 - 12:15 pm Achieving Health Access
- 11:15 - 12:15 pm Perspective from Washington: Challenges and Opportunities
- 12:15 - 1:30 pm Lunch Plenary - "Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant" with Curtis Chin
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm Engaging and Empowering AA & NHPI Communities and Health Leaders to Advance Awareness, Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Rare Kidney Disease – Inspiring Action and Collaboration
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm Improving Our Health Through Civic Engagement
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm Medicaid Unwinding and Open Enrollment
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm Climate Change and AA and NH/PI Health
- 3:30 - 4:00 pm Networking Break



Schedule At A Glance

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 (continued)

4:00 - 5:00 pm	AA and NH/PI Mental Health, Wellness & Resiliency During COVID-19 and Beyond
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Diversity in Clinical Trials
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Reception & Closing Remarks

THURSDAY, October 19

8:00 - 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 - 10:45 am	Capacity Building Training - Empowering Voices: Inclusive Engagement Strategies for the LGBTQIA Communities
9:00 - 11:00 am	Capacity Building Training - Storytelling Workshop - Poadopoad: Planting Seeds and Stories
10:30 - 12:00 pm	Capacity Building Training - Cultivating Leadership
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Capacity Building Training - Tuberculosis Elimination Alliance: A National Partnership of Community Leaders with a Vision for Healthy Communities Free of Tuberculosis
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch
12:00 - 2:00 pm	BLC Luncheon (Invitation Only)

ABOUT VOICES 2023

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) is pleased to present its 13th Annual VOICES Conference on October 18-19, 2023. VOICES is an annual conference that gathers healthcare leaders, key stakeholders, and advocates to explore and discuss health equity and health justice in eliminating disparities and supporting Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities.

Our three-track conference focuses on policy, community engagement, and capacity building. We are proud to welcome community leaders, healthcare and policy professionals, social justice advocates, and advocacy and communications staff from national and state organizations and community-based organizations.



ABOUT THE ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HEALTH FORUM (APIAHF)

The Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) is one of the nation's leading organizations that advocates for and supports health equity. By influencing policy and legislation, mobilizing local communities, and strengthening direct-care programs, APIAHF executes its goal of improving the health of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. Our bi-coastal staff with offices in San Francisco and Washington, DC, a network of nearly two hundred AANHPI-focused community based organizations, and an active and dedicated board fuels APIAHF's dedication to ensure healthy and vibrant communities for current and future generations.

Learn more about our work and programs at www.apiahf.org



Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Breakfast:

Meeting Level 4 - Supreme Court

7:30 - 9:00 am

Breakfast Plenary Session: 9:00 - 9:45 am - Meeting Level 4 - Salon MNOP



The Honorable Xavier Becerra, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services

Xavier Becerra is the 25th U.S. Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the first Latino to hold the office in the history of the United States. As Secretary, he will carry out President Biden's vision to build a healthy America, and his work will focus on ensuring that all Americans have health security and access to healthcare.

Special Plenary Session - "Unconditional": 9:45 - 10:45 am - Meeting Level 4 - Salon MNOP



Richard Lui is an American journalist and news anchor for MSNBC and NBC News. Lui is currently a breaking news anchor for NBC and MSNBC, broadcasting from 30 Rockefeller Plaza in Midtown Manhattan, New York City. Prior to that role he was a co-host of Early Today, and anchor of MSNBC daytime coverage. He was formerly at CNN Worldwide. At CNN Worldwide he became the first Asian American male to anchor a daily, national cable news show when he solo anchored the 10 a.m. hour on CNN Headline News (2007 to 2010).

Networking Break

Meeting Level 4 - Salon FGH

10:45 - 11:15 am



Panel Discussion: 11:15 - 12:15 pm - Meeting Level 4 - Supreme Court
Achieving Health Access

Local and state-level advocates are fighting for health equity and achieving successes. This panel will discuss healthcare disparities faced by AA & NH/PI communities, the political landscape in their jurisdiction, and how they worked with allies to effect change towards better health outcomes.

Panelists:



Adam Beddawi is the Federal Policy Manager for ACCESS, the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, where he engages Congressional staff and agency officials to advocate for policies and programs that meet the needs of the Arab American and broader Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) community. He is a national leader in advocating for health equity for Middle Eastern and North African communities. Adam has worked with Congress to design and advance legislation to enable the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide high quality, culturally competent, and linguistically accessible healthcare services to Arab Americans and the broader MENA community.



Darlene Lanham is the Executive Director of Asian Family Support Services of Austin (AFSSA), serves on the Board of Texas Council on Family Violence which serves survivor-focused organizations across Texas, and is a Board Trustee at University of the West in California, where higher education is informed by Buddhist wisdom and social justice. prevention efforts in ten counties in Central Texas. As a survivor herself, and as a bi-racial woman of Han Chinese ethnicity and national origin of Taiwan, who immigrated to Texas by adoption, she knows the level of power and resilience – and essential supports—that it takes to create a life of basic safety, dignity, and independence.



Dr. Cecilia Yoon, M.D. Dr. Cecilia Yoon is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at New York Presbyterian Hospital- Weill Cornell Medicine. She received her M.D. degree from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York and completed Internal Medicine residency there. After completing fellowship training in Infectious Diseases at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medicine, she joined the faculty in the Infectious Disease division, primarily at the Center for Special Studies, specializing HIV infection as well as inpatient general infectious diseases consultative services and previously worked at Travel Medicine clinic, providing travel related health advice. She is an Educator for AIDS Education and Training Centers and serves as HIV section editor for journals, *Current Treatment Options in Infectious Diseases* and *Current Infectious Disease Reports*.

Moderator:



Jamila Shipp is the managing director for Capacity for Health, a program of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum. She is an Oakland native and nationally respected leader in public health, community advocacy and capacity-building. She has extensive experience in program development, implementation, research, and evaluation of HIV/AIDS prevention programs. She specializes in underserved populations, particularly sex workers, homeless, and substance users. Jamila holds a Masters of Public Health from San Francisco State University, and a B.S. in Health Care Management from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.



Panel Discussion: 11:15 - 12:15 pm - Meeting Level 4 - Monument

Perspective from Washington: Challenges and Opportunities

In a year where we witnessed historical moments in health law and policy, including states' legislative reactions to the end of the constitutional right to abortion care in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the outcomes of the presidential election in 2024 could directly impact the health equity of all Americans, as well as many other rights and opportunities. But despite the changes in law and makeup of Congress, longstanding challenges to health equity persist in AA & NH/PI communities, such as: language access, disaggregated and equitable data, and access to health coverage. Health policy experts on this panel will discuss these issues, as well as legislative and administrative victories over the past year and the challenges AA & NH/PI communities will likely face heading into the final year of the first term of the Biden-Harris Administration.

Panelists:



Adam P. Carbullido is the Director of Policy and Advocacy at AAPCHO, an organization dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration, and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans (AAs), Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (NH/PIs). AAPCHO envisions a world in which AAs, NH/PIs, and all communities have equitable access to affordable, high quality, and culturally and linguistically proficient health care.



Casey Lee (she/her) is the policy advisor for the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) where she manages the Caucus' policy agenda and works with Members' staff to advance legislative proposals promoting the well-being of the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community. She previously worked for the House Judiciary Committee's Democratic staff and was an APAICS legislative fellow for Congressman Ted Lieu (CA-36).



Peggy Ramin, LCCHR is policy counsel for health and poverty at The Leadership Conference for Civil and Human Rights in Washington, D.C. In this role, she engages in federal policy advocacy on issues related to health care and economic justice, and leads the organization's Health Care Task Force. Previously, she worked as a staff attorney at Maryland Legal Aid, representing low-income clients in court and administrative proceedings related to health care, housing, and public benefits.



Karin Wang is Executive Director, David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy Professor from Practice, UCLA School of Law. Prior to joining UCLA, Wang advocated for civil rights and immigrant rights for more than 20 years. She was the long-time Vice President of Programs and Communications at Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Los Angeles. She was also the Deputy Regional Manager for the civil rights office of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Wang has also served on or chaired the boards of numerous legal community organizations.

Moderator:



Joyce Liu is a policy advisor for the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) where she serves the organization on federal health policy including on issues of health equity, language access, Medicaid & Medicare, and other health care reforms. Outside of APIAHF, Joyce advises clients on government affairs and strategic communications including successfully led the lobbying and communications efforts for over a dozen bills and campaigns, including federal nominations, labor, financial services, Veterans issues, immigration, and the passage of the Chinese American World War II Veteran Congressional Gold Medal Act. Before joining VENG Group, Joyce served in both the public and private sectors in the U.S. House of Representatives and at Calvert Street Group. Joyce holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Vanderbilt University.

Lunch Plenary Session: 12:15 - 1:30pm - Meeting Level 4 - Salon MNOP
Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant



Curtis Chin is a storyteller, a writer, a documentary filmmaker, organizer, and a co-founder of the Asian American Writers' Workshop. Chin wrote and produced "Who Killed Vincent Chin?" about the 1982 racially motivated murder of Vincent Chin in Detroit and "Dear Corky," a short documentary on photographer Corky Lee. Chin's memoir, "Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant" will be published this October. The book is about growing up Asian American in the Black and white city of Detroit and coming out in his working-class immigrant community, as well as being a first-generation college student at the University of Michigan.

Moderator:



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Panel Discussion: 1:30 - 2:30 pm - Meeting Level 4 - Supreme Court
Engaging and Empowering AA & NHPI Communities and Health Leaders to Advance Awareness, Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Rare Kidney Disease – Inspiring Action and Collaboration

Roughly 30 million Americans have a rare disease and face tremendous obstacles when seeking effective health care. From an average of five years and seven doctor visits to reach an accurate diagnosis, to limited treatment options, to other challenges AA & NH/PI families living with a rare disease face unique obstacles. Hear from health care leaders regarding recent innovations and how education and collaboration can reduce disparities in the rare disease community.

Panelists:



Amanda Crowe, MA, MPH, is the Founder and President of IMPACT Health Communications. She served as the State Communications Director for the American Cancer Society and is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Ami Gopalan, PharmD, MBA, FAMCP is the co-chair of the Ambassador program of The IgA Nephropathy Foundation, where she extends the voice and reach of the organization. In 2020 Ami was diagnosed with IgA nephropathy. Having navigated her own personal health journey, she wants to be sure no patient has to face this disease alone.



Bonnie Schneider is the Co-Founder and Director of the IgA Nephropathy Foundation. In 2004, Bonnie's son Eddie was diagnosed with IgA Nephropathy. After finding a lack of information available and hearing that there was no ongoing research to find a cure, she quit her job in marketing and started the IgA Nephropathy Foundation with her husband, Ed.



Lorelie Jorda Yost is a Registered Nurse at Lee Health and a graduate of Central Philippine University. She was diagnosed with IgA Nephropathy in 2005, subsequently receiving a kidney transplant in December 2020. Working now as an RN in the administration office of her hospital, she balances professional responsibilities with her personal advocacy for the Asian and Filipino community.



Moderator:



The Honorable Stephanie Murphy served as the U.S. representative for Florida's 7th congressional district from 2017 to 2023. When she was elected to represent much of downtown and northern Orlando, she became the first Vietnamese-American woman and first Vietnamese American Democrat to be elected to Congress. Rep. Murphy was born in Ho Chi Min City and immigrated to the United States as an infant.

Panel Discussion: 1:30 - 2:30 pm - Meeting Level 4 - Monument *Improving Our Health Through Civic Engagement*

Civic participation, including voting, volunteering, participating in group activities, has been shown to benefit society and also to produce health benefits for participants. Civic participation is also necessary to inform our governing systems of diverse constituents' needs and concerns. Our panelists will share best practices and stories from across the country.

Panelists:



Judge Rahat Babar is NAPABA's Deputy Executive Director for Policy. In this role, Rahat leads strategies and programs that advance NAPABA's advocacy, civil rights, and policy priorities. Nominated by the Governor of New Jersey and unanimously confirmed by the New Jersey Senate, Rahat served as a Judge on the Superior Court of New Jersey, the first Bangladeshi American to be a member of the court.



Christine Chen is a Co-Founder and Executive Director of Asian Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote), the nation's leading national, nonpartisan organization to engage, educate, and empower Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) to strengthen their voices and create impact.



Jane Nguyen is the Branch Manager at Boat People SOS's Gulf Coast Branch (BPSOS). She holds a Master's degree in Public Health & Health Promotions from the University of Southern Mississippi. She also has a background in Disaster and Emergency Management through her years at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Through disaster assignments, she connected with BPSOS and this was where she found and fostered her passion in advocating and empowering her community.



Wanna Lei is the Chinese Community Organizer at APANO in Portland, Oregon. She is a new immigrant herself, and a mom of two. At APANO, she focuses on organizing parents and expanding APANO's immigrant base to include tenants and workers. Leading a group of new immigrant moms (Spicy Moms), they won the campaign to bring Portland's third Chinese Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program to Harrison Park Elementary School in SE Portland in September of 2017.

Moderator:



David Inoue is Executive Director of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). He was appointed July 2017. He previously served for ten years as the administrative director for a medical shelter for homeless men in Washington, DC. Mr. Inoue worked for several years in health care policy with the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems, and with the federal government at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. He completed a dual bachelor of arts degree in chemistry and Asian studies at Cornell University, and obtained master's degrees in public health and health administration from The Ohio State University.



**Panel Discussion: 2:30 - 3:30 pm - Meeting Level 4 - Supreme Court
Medicaid Unwinding and Open Enrollment**

How are states thinking about the unwinding of Medicaid coverage? How will this process affect the AA & NH/PI communities? This panel will discuss how advocates can ensure that AA & NH/PI communities are not left behind, as well as best practices to inform and educate affected individuals.

Panelists:



Andrea Harris is Director of Policy Programs, Protect Our Care. She has 15 years of experience in federal health policy and has held senior roles in the legislative and executive branches. She most recently served as Chief of Staff to Rep. Lauren Underwood, a nurse and health policy expert, helping enact legislation to lower health care and prescription drug costs, and improve maternal health outcomes and end disparities. During the Obama Administration, Andrea served as Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary for Health and Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary for Legislation at HHS, helping implement the Affordable Care Act and fund family planning programs.



Matt Salo is the founder and CEO of Salo Health Strategies, a boutique healthcare consulting firm in the Washington DC area that specializes in strategic advice, health care policy, Medicaid market development and relationship building across 56 states and US territories. Matt is a nationally recognized expert in Medicaid, state government, health care reform, federalism, long term care.



Josie Howard is Chief Executive Officer for We Are Oceania. She earned her Master's degree in Social Work. Josie is most recognized for her contribution to the "Micronesian Voices in Hawai'i Conference" where she participated as one of six steering committee members who worked with Micronesian Government leaders, community leaders, as well as conference sponsors. Mrs. Howard is a native of Onoun Island in Micronesia and she speaks Chuukese, Onounese, and English fluently.

Moderator:



Emeline Kong is an APIAHF Fellow alum from 2020-2022. Her advocacy for equal access to health coverage was sparked by her experience with sudden loss of coverage and obstacles enrolling in Medicaid. As a Health Forum Fellow with the Community Engagement team, she worked with local community-based organizations on identifying and overcoming language and cultural barriers with federal and state marketplace enrollment. Currently, she works for the New York City government, where she continues her commitment to community advocacy.



Panel Discussion: 2:30 - 3:30 pm - Meeting Level 4 - Monument

Climate Change and AA and NH/PI Health

From wildfires, excessive heat, flooding, and poor air quality, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are experiencing climate change in extreme events more regularly. Ethnic and racial groups experience the stress and adverse mental health outcomes to these stressors differently. How can scientists, policy planners, and first responders better understand and help AA & NH/PIs deal with the adverse affects of climate change?

Panelists:



Norman Bay is a partner at Willkie Farr & Gallagher in the Corporate and Financial Services Department, Chair of the Energy Regulatory & Enforcement Practice Group, and Co-Chair of the Energy & Commodities Practice Group. Norman advises clients on a range of energy market issues, including enforcement and compliance, policy and ratemaking, mergers and acquisitions, and infrastructure development. Norman was Director of the Office of Enforcement at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) from 2009 to 2014, before becoming a Commissioner and Chairman of the Commission.



Dr. Kamana'opono M. Crabbe advises APIAHF on its Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander strategy. He is a seasoned spokesperson and representative for the Native Hawaiian community on Native Hawaiian rights, social inequities, community health and resilience, and current social, cultural, educational, economic and political issues affecting Native Hawaiians, Hawai'i and the Pacific.



Sheri Daniels, EdD, CSAC has been leading Papa Ola Lōkahi, the organization charged by the United States Congress with administrative oversight of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act [Public Law 102-396]. In this role, she leads efforts to improve the overall health and well-being of Native Hawaiians and their families, through strategic partnerships, programs and public policy.



Angela Guyadeen is the director of the Safe Water Initiative, People & Communities Program at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). She is responsible for developing NRDC's strategy to establish an enforceable human right to water that is safe, sufficient and affordable from source to tap. Guyadeen oversees the implementation of the Safe Water Initiative's objectives and coordinates the Initiative's cross-programmatic work across NRDC. She also manages community partnerships and leverages more than 20 years of experience in advocacy and communications to frame issues that motivate decision makers. Based in Chicago, she is a graduate from Eckerd College and American University.

Moderator:



Dr. Kealoha Fox, PhD, MA is a Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian) advocate based in Hawai'i. She is President of the Institute for Climate & Peace, recognizing the interdisciplinary work needed to advance climate justice for thriving, sustainable communities. Dr. Fox is a co-chair of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences Climate Commission; advisor to the American Public Health Association's Center for Climate, Health, and Equity; an Obama Leader Asia-Pacific with the Obama Foundation; a Technical Contributor to the 5th National Climate Assessment with the U.S. Global Change Research Program; and member of the Embassy of Tribal Nations Climate Action Task Force.

Networking Break
Meeting Level 4 - Salon FGH
3:30 - 4:00 pm

Panel Discussion: 4:00 - 5:00 pm - Meeting Level 4 - Supreme Court
Diversity in Clinical Trials

Health care providers and companies are reimagining the need for diverse thinking to serve specific communities. This panel will discuss the goals and trends in ensuring diversity in all steps of delivering healthcare solutions.

Panelists:



Manting Chiang joined Bristol Myers Squibb in January of 2020 into the Clinical Pharmacology & Pharmacometrics group where she supported the cardiovascular portfolio from discovery research through to late clinical development. In 2023 she pursued her interests to identify innovative treatments for cancer and joined the Worldwide Oncology Commercial Business Development team.



LaShell Robinson is the Head of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Clinical Research Department at Takeda. Here, LaShell leads the company's vision of equitable trial access. LaShell and her team actively work towards fostering partnerships & implementing strategies focused on education, awareness, and access through Takeda's strategy to P.A.V.E. the way to diversity, equity, and inclusion in clinical research.



Edie Yau is the director of diversity, equity and inclusion engagement for the Alzheimer's Association®, leading strategic initiatives to reach underserved communities in the pursuit of health equity. She leads national partnerships to increase access to resources and support for all those affected by Alzheimer's and all other dementia.

Moderator:



Victoria Lai J.D. is Interim Chief Operating Officer at the Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF). In her role as Interim COO, Victoria will lead the organization's operational and financial strategy while supporting the human resources goals of growth, recruitment, and team support. Victoria began her career working in political campaigns and for the House of Representatives. She joined the Obama Administration as the Counselor to the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at the Department of Homeland Security after clerking for the Hon. Denny Chin in the Southern District of New York and the Second Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals. Immediately prior to joining APIAHF, Victoria founded and developed Ice Cream Jubilee, a local chain of four ice cream shops in the Washington, D.C. area.



Panel Discussion: 4:00 - 5:00 pm - Meeting Level 4 - Monument

AA and NH/PI Mental Health, Wellness, and Resiliency during COVID-19 and Beyond

The panel will bring together a diversity of community partners from our national community network to share their mental health services and resources, discuss the intersection of COVID-19 recovery and mental health, and provide their community expertise to address audience questions. AA & NH/PI individuals face mental health challenges such as depression and suicide that often go untreated. This panel will address issues, such as disaggregating data, providing language access, and addressing stigmas about seeking mental health assistance, that may help overcome barriers to care.

Panelists:



Dr. Reid Elderts, PsyD is a licensed clinical psychologist and faculty who provides behavioral health services and clinical supervision on the islands of O'ahu and Maui. As faculty at I Ola Lāhui, he provides didactic trainings to clinical psychology and clinical social work students on a variety of topics including health psychology, substance use, and people and cultures in Hawai'i.



Dr. Soo-Il Lee, PhD represents Korean Community Services in Metropolitan New York. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Physical Education from Seoul National University, and ultimately his Ph.D. in Health Studies from New York University. His doctoral dissertation explored the intricate relationship between sports, gender, and self-esteem.



Natalie Tualemoso Ah Soon, MPH is the Director of Community Engagement and Government Affairs and serves on the Executive Leadership Team of RAMS, Inc. She oversees four population-focused mental health programs with an emphasis on prevention and early intervention and in collaboration with community-based organizations.



Shobhana Johri Verma is the Executive Director of the South Asian American Policy and Research Institute (SAAPRI). Prior to SAAPRI, she pioneered one of the most effective and multi-faceted South Asian Voter Engagement Programs of its kind in the country at the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners (CBOEC).

Moderator:



Sheri Boyle, PhD, MSW Dr. Boyle is a Professor of the Social Work Department at Pennsylvania Western University (California). Penn West is one of the 14 Pennsylvania State System Schools. She has been at the University for 14 years. She previously served as Department Chair, BSW Program Director and Field Coordinator. Dr. Boyle has taught undergraduate policy, research and graduate policy and special interests courses. Dr. Boyle's research interest in include older adults and community attachment as well as diversity issues. Dr. Boyle was co-principal investigator for two Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grants for the MSW Program. Dr. Boyle received her BA in Political Science from UCLA, MSW from the University of Pennsylvania and Ph.D. in Social Work from Widener University.



Reception & Closing Remarks

Meeting Level 4 - Salon MNOP

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Breakfast

Meeting Level 4 - Salon MNOP

7:30 - 9:00 am

Capacity Building Training - 9:00 - 11:00 am - Meeting Level 2 - Dogwood

Empowering Voices: Inclusive Engagement Strategies for the LGBTQIA Communities

The panelists will discuss strategies to engage LGBTQIA Community including addressing stigma, cultural dynamics and inclusive programming.

Panelists:



Ben Ignalino is a proud Asian Queer American with over 20 years in the HIV field. He currently serves as the Regional Office Program Manager for the Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center (PAETC). In his role, he works collaboratively with Pacific AETC teams in California, Nevada, Arizona, and Hawai'i and the US Affiliated Pacific Islands, to expand the number and ability of healthcare professionals and organizations in the Pacific region to provide high-quality HIV-related services to increase access to healthcare and decrease health inequities.



Mazdek Mazarei, Senior Director, Equity & Health Justice at San Francisco AIDS Foundation, leads and oversees justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) initiatives at San Francisco AIDS Foundation. He has more than 20 years' history providing capacity building assistance to the nation's HIV workforce, informed by his experiences providing direct services at AIDS service organizations in the Bay Area.



Maddison Moliga brings a fresh new perspective to the *Kua'ana Project* and the *Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center* through her personal lived experiences and now professional journey. Maddison is a Samoan-American Transwoman who works closely with other service providers to end overdose and serve our drug using and stigmatized and underserved communities.

Moderator:



Ben Cabangun, MA is Chief of Staff at San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Prior to joining SFAF, Ben was managing director and principal investigator at the 28-year CDC-funded national HIV capacity building program, Capacity for Health. He is also currently co-chair of Community Engagement on the San Francisco HIV Community Planning Council.



Storytelling Workshop - 9:00 - 11:00 am - Meeting Level 2 - Cherry Blossom

Through this interactive storytelling workshop, participants will explore Pacific Islander storytelling culture as a framework to transform community stories into impactful calls for action and/or behavioral change.



Carol Ann Carl is a storyteller and community educator of Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from the University of Hawaii-Manoa with an interest in indigenous medicine. Professionally and creatively, Carol Ann leans into the intersectionality of her identity - indigeneity, science, health, and civic advocacy - to develop narratives of empowerment for the Micronesian community in Hawaii and the wider Pacific Islander community abroad.

Capacity Building Training - 10:30 am - 12:00pm - Meeting Level 2 - Scarlett Oak Cultivating Leadership

How can you give to others what you have not given to yourself? In order to lead others with energy, passion and care, you need to lead yourself first. In this interactive workshop, we will delve into our perspectives on leadership, center our attention on your role as a leader, and assist you in pinpointing opportunities for growth.



Maria Martens is the Manager of Learning and Development at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Maria has more than 10 years' history providing capacity building assistance to the nation's HIV workforce community-based organizations and health departments, informed by her experience as a social worker providing direct services at AIDS service organizations in Detroit, MI and the San Francisco Bay Area. Outside of her role at the San Francisco AIDS Foundations, Maria is a Nutritional Therapy Practitioner, providing holistic macro-based nutrition coaching.

Capacity Building Training - 11:00 am - 12:00pm - Meeting Level 2 - Dogwood Tuberculosis Elimination Alliance: A National Partnership of Community Leaders with a Vision for Healthy Communities Free of Tuberculosis

The TB Elimination Alliance is a national partnership of community leaders dedicated to eliminating TB and LTBI inequities among Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander populations and expanded through education, raising awareness, and innovation.

Panelists:



Chibo Shinagawa is the Senior Program Manager of Infectious Diseases at the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO). In this role, Chibo is the lead point of contact with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Project Officers and principally responsible for managing AAPCHO's [Tuberculosis \(TB\) Elimination Alliance \(TEA\)](#) program.



Mukta Deia is the Program Coordinator, Infectious Diseases at AAPCHO, an organization dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration, and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans (AAs), Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (NH/Pis). Deia is principally responsible for providing assistance in coordinating programs related to maintaining and strengthening current tuberculosis (TB) control, COVID-19, and Hepatitis B priorities.





Melisa Laelan is a native of the Marshall Islands, born and raised in the capital city of Majuro. Laelan is the founder and Executive Director of Arkansas Coalition of Marshallese (ACOM), a not-for-profit organization that is a Marshallese-operated organization and focuses on health, leadership, education, and culture.

Moderator:



Jamila Shipp is the managing director for Capacity for Health, a program of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum. She is an Oakland native and nationally respected leader in public health, community advocacy and capacity-building. She has extensive experience in program development, implementation, research, and evaluation of HIV/AIDS prevention programs. She specializes in underserved populations, particularly sex workers, homeless, and substance users. Jamila holds a Masters of Public Health from San Francisco State University, and a B.S. in Health Care Management from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

Lunch

Meeting Level 4 - Salon MNOP

12:00 - 1:30 pm

BLC Luncheon (Invitation Only)

Meeting Level 2 - Silver Linden

12:00 - 2:00 pm



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