



*Asian American
Advisory Council*

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

Bruce Rauner
Governor

George H. Sheldon
Acting Director

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR SHELDON
ASIAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL
July 13, 2015 at 10:00AM – 11:00AM
JRTC Conference Room 215
AGENDA

Council Members in Attendance:

Benny Kuriakose; Evan Compton (law clerk); Stany D'Souza; Cecille Balutan
Santhoosh Kurian; Keith Langston; Vivian Robinson (by phone); Marjorie Moore

- 1) Director's vision for Asian American Advisory Council;
 - a) Discussed history of Asian American Advisory Council: began in 2007; conference in 2008 and 2009, 2010;
 - b) Meetings in person and by phone;
- 2) Director's request of the Council;
 - a) Director asked that the council put together a white paper to identify problems and suggest solution within the next couple of weeks;
 - b) Director to invite Asian American Advisory Council to participate in meeting with people from the federal government to discuss collection of data;
- 3) Asian American Chief;
 - a) Discussed need for Asian American Chief;
 - b) Collect stats;
 - c) Create a presence in the community (Cook North, DuPage County);
 - d) Create a relationship with various Asian consulates;
 - e) Promote language certification for bilingual certification and appropriate compensation;
- 4) Discussed conference and a budget for the activity;
- 5) Discussed Organized Effort to recruit Foster Parents;
 - a) (Vivian Robinson in Mt. Vernon) and staff (licensing and investigations and SACWIS and CYCSIS);



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- (a) TV clips; newspaper; radio; public service;
- (b) Look at video conferencing of translator like in local hospitals;
- 6) Discussed Organized Effort to recruit Asian American staff—Outcome of coordinated efforts with Governor's office;
- 7) Discussed potential in community events in Illinois and DCFS presence;
- 8) Discussed Asian American Advisory Council Conference/training;
- 9) Discussed Language certification for those speak another language;
- 10) Discussed the need for Investigation and placement statistics.