

# The Healthy Elders Leadership Project

## *HELP E-Newsletter*

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October 11, 2007

### **I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES:**

#### ***Community Update Call on Changes to Citizenship Test***

SEARAC, along with Hmong National Development (HND), will be hosting a brief informational community update call to discuss the planned changes to the U.S. naturalization test. The changes are expected to take effect October 1, 2008; however, it is very important that service providers and future test takers are well aware of these changes early on and how it may impact them and/or their clients. The call will take place on Friday, October 12, 2007 at 11:00AM PST, the call number is: 1-800-377-8846 and the call code is: 17462630#. **Please send your RSVP to [helly@searac.org](mailto:helly@searac.org) or call Helly Lee at 202-667-4690.**

#### ***APAPA 2007 API Voters Education and Candidate's Forum***

Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs (APAPA) in partnership with California Secretary of State, Debra Bowen and the Fat's Family in Memory of Frank Fat is holding their 6<sup>th</sup> annual API Voters Education and Candidate's Forum at California State University, Sacramento on Sunday, October 28, 2007 from 2 pm-6 pm. This event plans to feature Presidential debates as well as debates or speeches by California Congressional, State Legislative and local candidates. This event is free and open to the public. For more information click here: [http://www.apapa.org/pdf/2007/forum/forum\\_flyer\\_2007\\_080107\\_withflag.pdf](http://www.apapa.org/pdf/2007/forum/forum_flyer_2007_080107_withflag.pdf).

#### ***"Hunted Like Animals" Film Screening by Assembly Member Dave Jones***

Assembly Member Dave Jones is sponsoring a FREE Film Screening of Rebecca Sommer's *Hunted Like Animals*, a documentary about the human rights violations of the Hmong people living in the jungles of Laos. The screening is on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Crest Theatre located at 1013 K Street, Sacramento CA. This film is for mature audiences only. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Melanie Ramil at (916) 324-4676 or [Melanie.Ramil@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Melanie.Ramil@asm.ca.gov).

#### ***SEARAC Job Opportunity: Education Advocate***

SEARAC is excited to announce a job opening in our Washington, DC office. We are currently seeking candidates for our new "Education Advocate" position. The complete job announcement is on our website: <http://searac.org/job-save10-07.pdf>. Application deadline is October 31, 2007 or open until filled. All inquires should be addressed to SEARAC Deputy Director, Naomi Steinberg at [Naomi@searac.org](mailto:Naomi@searac.org) or (202) 667-4690.

#### ***Color Me Healthy: Health and Volunteer Expo***

The Folsom Cordova Community Partnership invites the community to participate in this event which will be held on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Eara E. Lovelace Power Center in Rancho Cordova. Color Me Healthy was created to reach two goals: broaden the awareness of the many health options available to families and increase the opportunities for positive volunteerism within the community. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Victoria Nguyen at 916.361.8684 ext. 235 or at [vnguyen@fcommunitypartnership.org](mailto:vnguyen@fcommunitypartnership.org).

### ***SCHIP Reauthorization: President Veto***

The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) has assisted many children from low income families receive health insurance by expanding eligibility levels and also by simplifying the application process. This program was implemented in 1997 and would be considered for reauthorization in 2007. The SCHIP Reauthorization passed both the House and Senate, but the President vetoed the bill citing concerns over a government-run healthcare system. For more information on SCHIP, please read this issue brief produced by the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured: <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/7701.cfm>.

## **II. GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

### ***Promoting Prevention for Healthy Communities***

This is a grant for a subcontractor from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and National Asian Women's Health Organization (NAWHO). The purpose of Promoting Prevention for Healthy Communities is to increase immunization awareness and knowledge among Asian Americans, promote positive health-seeking behaviors, and encourage health care providers to eliminate missed opportunities in giving immunization information and services to their patients. Subcontracts for the 2007-2008 partnership cycle will range from \$10,000 -\$20,000 for a one-year project period. Deadline to apply is Monday, November 15, 2007 at 5pm PST. For more information, please contact: Michelle Akina at NAWHO at [michelle@nawho.org](mailto:michelle@nawho.org).

### ***Barbara Jordan Health Scholars Program***

The Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program brings talented college seniors and recent graduates to Washington, D.C., where they are placed in congressional offices and learn about health policy issues, with a focus on issues affecting racial and ethnic minorities and underserved communities. Through the nine-week program (May 19-July 26, 2008), Scholars gain knowledge about federal legislative procedure and health policy issues, while further developing their critical thinking and leadership skills. Deadline to apply is December 14, 2007. Please visit their website for more details and for the application: <http://www.kff.org/minorityhealth/bjscholars/index.cfm>.

### ***Gates Millennium Scholars***

The scholarship is funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and is open to anyone who meets Pell Grant criteria, has a 3.3-4.0 GPA, is a citizen, permanent or legal resident, is enrolling in an accredited college for the first time and has demonstrated leadership abilities through community service or other activities. Please visit their website for the application: [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org). The deadline is December 31, 2007 for hard copy and January 11, 2008 for online submissions.

## **III. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:**

### ***California Health Advocates (CHA) Workshops***

CHA presents continuing education workshops that will focus on Medicare and Long Term Care Insurance. The last workshop is on 10/27 at 9:30 AM-12:30 PM on "Understanding Long Term Care Insurance". The cost is \$30 and will be held at 5380 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento, Ca 95819. Please contact Marta Erismann at (916) 231-5110 for more details. Register online at: <http://www.cahealthadvocates.org/education/ceu.html>.

***Our Issues, Our Voices: Communities of Color Advocating for Health***

This training is presented by the California Pan Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN) and features chief humorist and communication specialist, Dhaya Lakshminarayanan. Participants will learn how to effectively frame issues and communicate messages around issues related to health. Registration fee is \$25 for general public and \$10 for CPEHN members. This training will be held in four regions. Please see the list below for dates:

- **OAKLAND:** 10/30/07: Nile Hall, Preservation Park, 668 13th Street
- **SAN DIEGO:** 11/01/07: Tubman Chavez Multicultural Center, 415 North Euclid Avenue
- **LOS ANGELES:** 11/07/07: KCET, 4401 Sunset Blvd.

For more information on the training and registration deadlines please click on the CPEHN website: <http://www.cpehn.org/events.php>.

**IV: UPCOMING CONFERENCES:**

***Statewide Immigrant Rights Conference***

This conference will be held on October 30, 2007 from 9-5 pm in Los Angeles, Ca. The fee to register is \$50 for nonprofit agencies. Co-sponsored by the California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC), this conference will reflect on last year's challenges and successes and discuss future plans as well as provide a space for learning and technical assistance regarding immigrant issues. This event is co-sponsored by SEARAC. To register and for more information please visit: [www.caimmigrant.org](http://www.caimmigrant.org) or call Frankie Nelson at (916) 448-6762.

***Serving the Underserved: Finding solutions to eliminate health disparities***

On October 31, 2007, join patients' advocacy groups and key decision makers in a discussion on health disparities in California. Breakout sessions include: "Workforce Capacity", "Influencing Public Policy", "Strategic collaborations and best practices", and "Cultural Competency". This discussion is sponsored by the California Medical Association Foundation. Please find more information by contacting Andrew Bradley at (916) 658-0144 or [Andrew@perrycom.com](mailto:Andrew@perrycom.com).

***12<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Partners Conference***

On November 2-3, 2007, the Asian Americans Justice Center (AAJC) 2007 Community Partners Conference will bring together leaders from different sectors (research, legal, social services, policy) across the nation to begin to evaluate the state of Asia America, and to strategically build a consensus about the direction of Asian Americans interested in advancing equality. This conference will be held in Washington, DC. For more information and to register, please follow this link: <http://www.advancingequality.org/?id=250>.

**V. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:**

***Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)***

The SEARAC website has many resources for community base organizations and individuals to take advantage of. This site will be able to connect you to over 180 nationwide organizations in the "resources center" tab, provides an archive of past testimonies given by SEARAC on the federal and CA state level regarding issues such as healthy aging and education, provides fact sheets on issues such as deportation and material support, and one may also find a wealth of information regarding federal policies and CA state policies effecting the Southeast Asian

community. Also, there are links to research publications exclusively about Southeast Asians that include statistical profiles. Follow the link to explore: <http://searac.org/index.html>.

### ***Taproots Foundation***

This unique foundation does not offer the traditional monetary grant; instead they offer “service grants” to nonprofit organizations. This foundation is made up of high quality professionals who volunteer their time and expertise to assist nonprofits with capacity building to better help the community. Please take a look at their website for more information: <http://www.taprootfoundation.org/npo/>.

For more information, call or email SEARAC’s California office:

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