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Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, Council on

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Small Agency Profile

Mission:

To advise the legislature and the governor on issues of importance to Asian Pacific Minnesotans; advocate on behalf of those issues, and serve as bridge for and between Asian Pacific Minnesotans and non-Asian Pacific Minnesotans.

Statewide Outcome(s):

Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, Council on (CAPM) supports the following statewide outcome(s).

Minnesotans have the education and skills needed to achieve their goals.

A thriving economy that encourages business growth and employment opportunities.

Minnesotans are healthy.

People in Minnesota are safe.

Context:

CAPM is an advisory board that seeks to ensure the inclusion of Asian Pacific Minnesotans in all state programs, activities, and services by providing relevant, objective, and credible advice and information on the status and needs of Asian Pacific Minnesotans. The primary customers are the Governor, legislatures, state agencies, Asian Pacific Minnesotans, and citizens. CAPM is funded primarily through general fund appropriation and grant opportunities.

Priorities include:

- Advise: Policy briefs, comments and testimony on issues; publish and release original research/reports to the Governor, state agencies, legislators, and citizens.
- Advocacy: direct engagement with citizens to influence public policy and resource allocation decisions
- Brokerage: facilitates opportunities for engagement and inclusion with others for and recognition of Asian Pacific Minnesotans.

Strategies:

CAPM utilizes several strategies to deliver its mission and support statewide outcomes:

- Research and information analysis – developing and publishing reports for use by decision makers and citizens
- Citizen outreach – developing forums, conferences, retreats and advocacy trainings to inform public policy
- Facilitation and coordination – developing engagement, inclusion, and recognition activities

These strategies help to meet statewide outcomes. Key partners are governor, legislature, Asian Pacific Minnesotans/organizations and citizens.

Results:

CAPM measures its success in objective ways that are both qualitative and quantitative. Qualitative measures include 1) its effectiveness in and level of impact on the legislative process, state programs, and services and 2) the level of engagement Asian Pacific Minnesotans have in public policy and other related activities. Quantitative measures are available and exist via CAPM research and collected data; institutions of higher education, state and federal agencies, non-profits, foundations, and or research institutions, i.e., Mind the Gap, Wilder Research or Brookings Institution. These measures are important to CAPM. They help it to understand the issues as well as to identify the issues and solutions thereof. CAPM also utilizes these measures to mark its progress and impact on public policy.

CAPM has found that by tracking data, it can definitely see that its work and efforts are helping the state to meet statewide outcomes.

Performance Measures	Previous	Current	Trend
Minnesotans have the education and skills needed to achieve their goals.			
Educational Attainment, less than high school for Hmong population (Hmong is the largest Asian ethnic group in Minnesota at 27% of all Asians)	55%	44%	Improving to MN average of 8.5%
Drop Out Rate, Asian/Pacific Islander	9%	5.9%	Improving to MN average of 5.7%
Graduation Rate, Asian/Pacific Islander	64%	67%	Improving to MN average of 74%
A thriving economy that encourages business growth and employment opportunities			
Percentage of Minnesota small businesses that are Asian Owned	1.7%	2.4%	Improving
Sales & Receipts of Asian owned businesses, in billions	$1.8	$2.4	Improving
Purchasing Power of Asian Americans, in billions	$5.4	$5.9	Improving
Minnesotans are healthy. Identify and address health disparities that affect Asian Pacific Minnesotans			
Mental Health – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Percentage for Refugee population	14%	n/a	Improving to US rate of 4%
Uninsured rate of Asian/Pacific among all Minnesotans	8%	6%	Improving
People in Minnesota are Safe. Focus on juvenile crime prevention and intervention.			
Asian Juveniles, Part 1 Crimes (violent crimes) percentage	6.4%	4%	Improving
Asian Juveniles, Part 2 Crimes percentage	2.8%	2.6%	Improving

Performance Measures Notes:

Performance measures are measured against the Minnesota average or the total for Asian Pacific Minnesotans, when the Minnesota average could not be found. Looking at Performance Measures in this light allows CAPM to contextualize its work within its mission.

Source: Education data from Minnesota Department of Education, Graduation Rate for State, Four Year Percent and US Census; economic data from SBA Office of Advocacy & Immigration Policy Center; health data from Minnesota Department of Health; crime data from Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Uniform Crime Reports. Data for all items is from 2000 for previous and 2010 for current, except for Drop-Out Rate, Asian/Pacific Islander where previous data is from 2005.

The Uniform Crime Reports do not desegregate crime data into ethnicities. From CAPM's research and discussions with the Asian community, law enforcement personnel, and probation officers, CAPM has ascertained that this issue disproportionately affects Southeast Asian youth (Hmong, Lao, Cambodian, and/or Vietnamese) that have refugee experience.

Please visit CAPM's website for more information and analysis.