

Multicultural Action Committee

Notes

Thursday, December 17, 2015, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Impact NW, 4610 SE Belmont Street, Portland, OR 97215



AGENDA ITEM	INTENDED OUTCOME	NOTES: DECISIONS, ACTION REQUIRED?
Introductions & Host Presentation (10 mins)	Connect & learn	Attendees: Lisa Nims (EIA staff), Susan Madar (EIA Commissioner), Maria Park (Asian Health), Nicole Baker-Wagner (IRCO), Max Micozzi (SAGE), Jacqueline Hodge (Urban League), via phone - Joaquin Pastor (El Programa Hispano), Rebecca Miller (ADVSD staff)
Housekeeping: Agenda approval, November minutes approval (5 mins)	Regular business completed	November minutes approved by consensus
MAC 2016 meeting schedule & topics (20 mins)	Discuss format for meetings. Set schedule and locations for 2016. Identify desired topics or speakers for future meetings.	<p>Suggested topics:</p> <p>Housing : EPH had 135 applications for rental assistance in 6 weeks and only able to help 10 of these. Home Forward – single? or seniors.</p> <p>Equity & Empowerment Lens</p> <p>Transportation agencies or programs</p> <p>SSI/SSDI System – how to expedite disability claims – tricks of the trade, etc. Taking 6-8 months to apply and hear word, some are terminally ill and unable to advocate for themselves.</p> <p>LGBT intersection with: Medicare, Trans and medicare, healthcare, housing, veterans</p> <p>General thoughts:</p> <p>Any presenter needs to think about the type/level of advocacy</p>

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		<p>needed and leave next steps about how to make change</p> <p>Meeting structure:</p> <p>Consider changing meeting to Tuesdays from 2-4 instead. Rebecca to check with absent members to reach consensus. Update: All but one regular member could do this, but if we moved meeting to 3pm start, Tuesday would be ok.</p> <p>Feb at Asian Health, March-December at Impact NW</p>
Legislative/Advocacy Update: JoAnn (10 mins)	Be informed Provide input to EIA & 04AD	<p>April 19th candidates forum – look to be a joint activity with AC & Impact NW/Elders in Action</p> <p>MAC members would like MAC to be a legislative priority</p>
Announcements & Updates: All (35 mins)	Inform, connect, learn, inspire	<p>IRCO celebrating 40th anniversary in 2016. Collecting silent auction items. Let Nicole know if you have goods or services to donate.</p> <p>AHSC is prepping for Lunar New Year's celebrations. Scheduling LWCC in four languages – Korean, Vietnamese, Mandarin, and Cantonese.</p> <p>New senior case manager and returning PDX resident, Jacqueline Hodge , Urban League, is reaching out in East Portland in "the numbers" 82nd-Gresham. Office at 162nd & Stark seeking/serving elder African-Americans who have been displaced from their lifelong N/NE PDX neighborhoods.</p> <p>EPH is planning for a Cinco De Mayo event.</p>

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		EIA is exploring shared housing programs similar to what Ecumenical Ministries used to have.
OPI Advocacy: All (15 mins)	Prepare for collaborative meeting and discuss goals around OPI advocacy	<p>Rebecca presented current wait list numbers. MAC members indicated that some folks listed as OC waitlist might actually be OPI clients after screening. As of Dec 16, 7 on OPI list and 64 on OC list. Historically, Jan/Feb is a heavier referral time.</p> <p>Issues is consistent funding because there is always a push/pull due to budget cycles. Would like to see consistent funding. Would like to see various funding scenarios and would like to capture costs of creating wait lists to staff/orgs.</p> <p>Options: Collect stories. Video taped interviews with OPI clients. Story about who they were in their younger years, how were they getting by before OPI, what would happen if it went away and how do you get along if underfunded or cuts to service?</p> <p>Discussion to be continued at February meeting.</p>
Most Significant Change methodology: Rebecca (20 mins)	Solicit MAC stakeholder input, refine tool	<p>Rebecca presented printed ppt slides and talked about how this might be used by ADVSD contractors. Feedback from MAC members:</p> <p>How do you "translate" another's questions?</p> <p>Would want exact comments & summary (recorded?) Tone is very important.</p>

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		How do you frame before the question gets asked? Is there any time to ponder before questions are asked? What does "Most Significant Change" mean? Don't like the pyramid graphic because it narrows to one story – eliminating others Clear/translation – how does Most Significant Change translate? Get more input from the community about this model
December February Agenda Items	Agenda set for December February	SSDI/SSI Practice MSC OPI stories – plan for collection Candidates forum planning

Call-in information: (888) 278-0296, participant code: 8870447

Next meetings: Collaborative January 21, 2015, 2-4pm, Catholic Charities, 2740 SE Powell Blvd, Portland, OR 97202

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