

Annual Report

July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005



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Advocacy

Statewide

AHCI continued support of the Campaign for Better Health Care by mobilizing the community around the Health Care Justice Act, which established a statewide task force to create a plan for providing health coverage to every Illinois resident.

AHCI reconvened our Data Committee to advocate for improved collection and dissemination of AAPI health data in conjunction with state and local public health departments.

Tobacco Control Campaign

Smoking Cessation Program

With generous support from the American Legacy Foundation and in collaboration with Korean American Community Services (KACS), Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) School of Public Health, we hired a bilingual and bicultural outreach coordinator, who also is a former smoker. Through his efforts, we produced promotional materials; reached out to Korean churches and businesses; conducted presentations to groups including the Korean Leadership Council and Korean Human Service Providers Council; and offered 2 multi-week cessation classes and individual counseling sessions, reaching 8 individuals.

Korean Cessation Planning Committee

Byung Ok Ha, AHCI
Young Cheon-Klessig, CDPH
Youn-Hee Harm, KACS
Gwang Suk Kim, UIC
Susan Kim, AHCI
Myoung Sook Kwon, UIC
Bonnie Lee, Swedish Covenant Hospital
Soo Na, KACS

Chi-Town Coalition of Color Against Cigarettes (C4)

Funding from APPEAL (Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment and Leadership) has enabled AAPI youth (C4) to mobilize a campaign against tobacco and second-hand smoke in the Argyle community. In partnership with the Chinese Mutual Aid Association (CMAA) and the Multi-Cultural Youth Project, C4 youth have coordinated smoke-free events and established working relationships with local restaurants; this included a community service project that reached 27 restaurants, and in-language interviews with 19 restaurants that assessed their perceptions of the community and evaluated their indoor restaurant smoking policies.

C4 Advisors

Naisy Dolar, Chicago Comm. on Human Relations
Ngoan Le, Chicago Community Trust
Freedom Nguyen, AHCI
Tam Van Nguyen, Vietnamese Association of Illinois
Linh Pham, CMAA
Warren Tai, International Bank
Jennifer Tani, CMAA/MCYP

C4 Youth Leaders

Han Doan	Tuyet Ngo
Lea Doan	Jessica Pan
Jackie Du	Cai Pei
Jackie Ho	Tiffany Tran
Josephine Ho	Tuyen Tran
Anna Lin	Paul Truong
Dexter Mamucod	Jason Zhong

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Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance

Opening Doors Cultural Competence Training

AHCI held 23 trainings for 463 individuals, including nurses, social workers, nurses, physicians, and administrative staff. The curriculum was developed by a committee that included Jina Lee and Dennis L. Vickers and used didactic presentations, group exercises, case study problem-solving, role playing, and personal story-telling. This program is supported by the Aetna Foundation, Field Foundation, Michael Reese Health Trust, Polk Bros Foundation, and the Square D Foundation.

Expanded Impact

In partnership with the University of Chicago, AHCI received funding from the Arthur Davis Vining Foundation to develop an elective for 4th year medical students on cross-cultural communication. Courses will be offered beginning in Spring 2006.

Since 2003, we have provided our Opening Doors training to St. Elizabeth Hospital's Family Medicine Residency Program. In 2004, in addition to the trainings, we were asked to provide consultation services to formalize their cultural competence curriculum and to develop an evaluation process and tools.

In our efforts to educate health care providers who are serving Chicago's most underserved communities, AHCI partnered with Dr. Ho Tran from the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum to provide cultural competence training to physicians in the Division of General Medicine at John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County.

Cultural Competence Trainers

Namratha Kandula	Prem Pahwa
Susan Kim	Lisa Tonna
Dennis Murchison	Karyn Williams
Doug Nguyen	

HIV Prevention Capacity-Building

AHCI is the North Central regional partner in the national AAPI HIV Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) program funded by the Centers for Disease Control through the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum and the Asian Pacific Islander Wellness Center (APIWC). Our program focuses on improving organizational development, strengthening HIV prevention interventions, increasing access to HIV services, and assisting HIV community planning groups.

AHCI helped organize two national AAPI trainings at the 2004 U.S. Conference on AIDS and the 2005 HIV Prevention Leadership Summit, reaching 59 individuals. AHCI coordinated two regional trainings on HIV prevention and community planning in February and March 2005, reaching 20 participants. In addition, AHCI provided presentations at local, state, and national conferences and meetings, reaching 95 attendees.

AHCI also coordinated the Chicago launch of the APIWC's Banyan Tree Project's (BTP) First National AAPI HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on May 19, 2005, reaching 50 community members.

Additionally, AHCI participated in the National Advisory Council on HIV Health Disparities, whose goal is to draft national HIV standards for culturally and linguistically appropriate services in minority communities. In April 2005, AHCI convened an HIV summit in Elgin with Open Door Clinic, the Office of Minority Health, and Southeast Asian community stakeholders.

BTP Regional Coalition

David Amarathithada, CDPH
Denys Lau, Northwestern University
Shailey Merchant, Howard Brown Health Center
Valerie Pang, CDPH
Clarita Santos, United Way Metro Chicago
Vaughn Taylor-Akutagawa, Jelani Men's Project

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Health Access and Prevention

Breast Cancer Awareness

AHCI interviewed several AAPI breast cancer survivors who graciously agreed to share their stories with the community. We plan a future public awareness campaign in partnership with ethnic media.

Language Rights in Health Care

With support from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), we developed a language access tracking form and trained 29 staff from eight refugee-serving organizations on the topic of language access to health care.

Prostate Cancer Awareness

Funding from IDPH enabled AHCI to partner with Chinese community-based organizations to provide education to 243 individuals. We especially thank the Illinois Health Education Consortium and the Chinese American Service League for their assistance and support.

Lao Community Health Project

AHCI continued its work with the Lao community and providers in the Elgin area, coordinating a health fair in March 2005 that reached 30 individuals.

Lao Health Planning Committee

Carolyn Bracken, VNA of Fox Valley
Sandy Hoffman, Sherman Hospital
Oletha Johnson, Greater Elgin Family Care Center
Aloun Khotisene, Elgin YWCA
Tina Link, Sherman Hospital
Jay Rasavongxay, Lao Association of Illinois
Margaret Rohter, Suburban Cook TB Control
Susan Slivka, Provena Saint Joseph Hospital
Sommala Vilaysane

Health Access and Prevention

Suicide Prevention

AHCI, along with Asian American survivors of suicide, mental health providers, researchers, and other concerned community leaders, founded Asian American Suicide Prevention Initiative (AASPI) in the fall of 2004. AASPI held a historic dialogue in May 2005, reaching 45 community members.

Health Policy Advocacy

AHCI held a membership meeting on the topic of HIV prevention and co-hosted a Community Forum on health policy advocacy, organized by the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF). Forty-three health and social service providers, government agency staff, and health advocates attended the meetings.

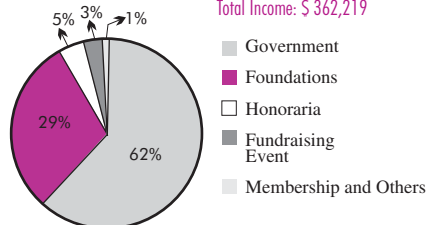
AHCI Listserve

AHCI answered over 55 requests for information and referrals on AAPI health topics. The AHCIgroup listserv now has 290 members.

Financial Information

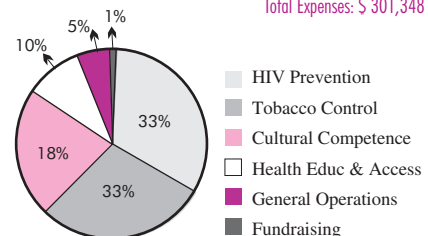
1. Income by Source, FY05

Total Income: \$ 362,219



2. Expenses by Program, FY05

Total Expenses: \$ 301,348



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Fundraising Benefit

Chaired by Board member Soo Ji Min, AHCI's fourth annual benefit reception was a great success, raising over \$16,000 to support the work of AHCI. The event was hosted by the High Risk Gallery, featured musical selections by the Jeff Chan Trio and awarded recognition to Corwin Eng of the Chicago Department of Public Health and Mae Hong of the Field Foundation.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We would like to thank all of the generous contributors who supported AHCI's work to improve the health and well-being of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Illinois. Contributions listed were received between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005.

\$50,000+

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\$25,000 - \$49,999

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for Empowerment and
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\$10,000 - \$25,000

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Organization: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
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Email: _____

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If you belong to or provide services to any Asian American communities, please indicate which community/communities: _____

Membership Category

Your membership is valid for the current fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).

Please make your check payable to **Asian Health Coalition of Illinois**.

- ☐ Organizational: \$125 for up to three representatives.
Please duplicate this form and have each representative complete a copy.
☐ Individual: \$35
☐ Senior Citizen or Student: \$20
☐ I would like to make an additional contribution of \$ _____

Member Interests and Skills

As a member, I would like to get involved in the following programs:

- (Please check all that apply)
☐ Annual Conference ☐ Policy and Advocacy ☐ Other (specify): _____
☐ Cultural Competence Training ☐ Student Outreach
☐ HIV Prevention ☐ Tobacco Control

As a member, I would like to volunteer for the following activities:

- ☐ Fundraising ☐ Programs/Grants ☐ Public Relations ☐ Research/Data Analysis

AHCI History and Mission

The **Asian Health Coalition of Illinois** (AHCI) was founded in 1996 to address cultural and linguistic barriers impeding AAPI access to health care. The coalition brings together community organizations, health care providers, researchers, and public health officials who are committed to furthering an AAPI health agenda.

Our mission is to improve the health and wellness of all AAPIs in Illinois through advocacy, technical assistance, public education and community-based research.

Membership Benefits

- Discounted registration fee for AHCI conferences;
- Networking opportunities at AHCI's quarterly membership meetings and other events;
- Priority announcements for AHCI events and news; and
- Up-to-date information relating to AAPI health.

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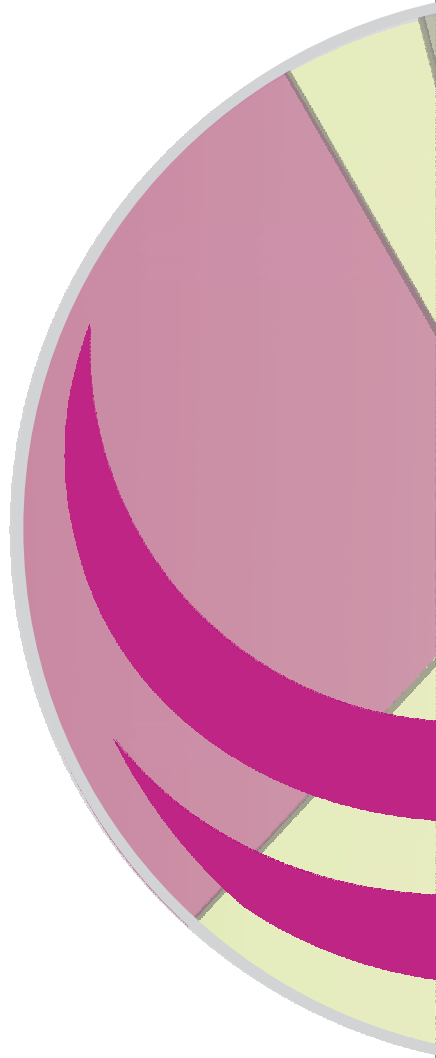
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