



The President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders

Commission Subcommittee Summaries

February 2024

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Belonging, Inclusion, Anti-Asian Hate, and Anti-Discrimination Subcommittee

Subcommittee Membership:

- **Co-Chairs:** Luisa Blue and Dr. Kamal Kalsi
- **Members:** Teresita Batayola, Emily Chen, Grace Huang, Victoria Huynh, Daniel Dae Kim, and Smita Shah
- **Non-Commissioner Member:** Madihha Ahussain
- **DFO:** Judith Teruya

Summary of Meetings and Presentations:

The Belonging, Inclusion, Anti-Asian Hate, Anti-Discrimination Subcommittee meets monthly. Following the Commission's seventh public meeting on October 25-26, 2023, the Subcommittee met on November 7, 2023, December 5, 2023, January 2, 2024, and February 6, 2024. The Subcommittee received presentations from the following subject matter experts who helped to inform their recommendations:

- **Sheila Foran, Special Legal Counsel, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice and Robby Monteleone, Attorney Advisor, Executive Office of United States Attorneys:** Presented on the Department of Justice's United Against Hate program.
- **Dr. Sarah DeGue, Senior Health Scientist, Center for Disease Control's Injury Center, Division of Violence Prevention:** Presented on current research and programs for preventing community violence.

Summary of Recommendation:

The Belonging, Inclusion, Anti-Asian Hate, and Anti-Discrimination Subcommittee approved the following draft recommendation to present at the February 27, 2024, full Commission meeting:

- **Recommendation #1:** The Subcommittee recommends that the Federal Partners in Bullying interagency taskforce be reinvigorated to strengthen federal agencies responses and the federal infrastructure for anti-bullying activities, including in Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI) communities.

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Data Disaggregation and Education Subcommittee

Subcommittee Membership:

- **Co-Chairs:** Dr. Raynald Samoa and Dr. Robert Underwood
- **Members:** Emily Chen and KaYing Yang
- **Non-Commissioner Member:** Dr. Ninez Ponce and Dr. Joseph Keawe Kaholokula
- **DFO:** Erika Ninoyu

Summary of Meetings and Presentations:

The Data Disaggregation and Education Subcommittee meets monthly. Following the Commission's seventh public meeting on October 25-26, 2023, the Subcommittee met on January 8, 2024, January 23, 2024, and February 5, 2024. The Subcommittee received presentations from the following subject matter experts who helped to inform their recommendations:

- **Mike Hoa Nguyen, Assistant Professor of Education and Principal Investigator of The Minority-Serving Institutions Data Project, New York University:** Presented on higher education issues for AANAPISIs and MSIs.
- **Robert Teranishi, Professor of Social Science and Comparative Education, Morgan and Helen Chu Endowed Chair in Asian American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles:** Presented on data disaggregation issues for AA and NHPI students.

Summary of Recommendation:

The Data Disaggregation and Education Subcommittee approved the following draft recommendation to present at the February 27, 2024, full Commission meeting:

- **Recommendation #1:** The Subcommittee recommends U.S. Department of Education (ED) increase data disaggregation efforts and resources, including engagement, outreach, financial, and programmatic support for Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions through several mechanisms.

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Economic Equity Subcommittee

Subcommittee Membership:

- **Co-Chairs:** Ajay Bhutoria, Simon Pang, and Smita Shah
- **Members:** Luisa Blue, Kerry Doi, and Kevin Kim
- **DFO:** Judith Teruya

Summary of Meetings and Presentations:

The Economic Equity Subcommittee meets monthly. Following the Commission's seventh public meeting on October 25-26, 2023, the Subcommittee met on November 10, 2023, December 15, 2023, January 12, 2024, February 2, 2024, and February 16, 2024. The Subcommittee received presentations from the following subject matter experts who helped to inform their recommendations:

- **Hayden Kepley, Deputy Director, National Center for Health Workforce Analysis, and Elizabeth Kittrie, Senior Advisor, Office of the Associate Administrator, Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:** Presented on Nursing Workforce Shortages and Bureau of Health Workforce efforts to overcome shortages.
- **Dr. Ryan Howe, Director of Hospital and Ambulatory Policy Group and Gift Tee, Director of the Division of Practitioner Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:** Presented on the reimbursement process for home health caregivers.

Summary of Recommendations:

The Economic Equity Subcommittee did not approve any draft recommendations to present at the February 27, 2024, full Commission meeting.

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Health Equity Subcommittee

Subcommittee Membership:

- **Co-Chairs:** Teresita Batayola, Kerry Doi, and Mia Ives-Ruble
- **Members:** Dr. Kimberly Chang, Dr. Kamal Kalsi, and Dr. Raynald Samoa
- **Non-Commissioner Member:** Dr. Quyen Ngo-Metzger
- **DFO:** Erika Ninoyu

Summary of Meetings and Presentations:

The Health Equity Subcommittee meets monthly. Following the Commission's seventh public meeting on October 25-26, 2023, the Subcommittee met on November 30, 2023, January 4, 2024, February 2, 2024, February 8, 2024, and February 22, 2024. The Subcommittee received presentations from the following subject matter experts who helped to inform their recommendations:

- **John Balbus, Director, HHS Office of Climate Change and Health Equity (OCCHE):** Presented on OCCHE's efforts to address the intersectionality between health equity and climate change and its impacts on the AA & NHPI communities.
- **Ana Mascarenas, Senior Advisor for Environmental Justice and Climate Change, HHS Office of Environmental Justice:** Presented on approaches to the intersection of climate change and environmental justice and OEJ's work.

Summary of Recommendations:

The Health Equity Subcommittee approved the following draft recommendations to present at the February 27, 2024, full Commission meeting:

- **Recommendation #1:** The Due to significant impacts of recent environmental and human made disasters in the Pacific region, the Subcommittee recommends the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) establish a taskforce to address environmental climate change concerns for Hawaii and other Pacific Islands and establish a regional research center and Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center or satellite site (EJTCTAC) in Hawaii.
- **Recommendation #2:** The Subcommittee recommends that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), and the U.S. Department of Education (ED), increase interagency collaborations to address the healthcare workforce shortage crisis, address burnout and mental health needs for providers, and increase culturally and linguistically competent care, with an emphasis on addressing Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI) community needs.



Immigration and Citizenship Status Subcommittee

Subcommittee Membership:

- **Co-Chairs:** Grace Huang and KaYing Yang
- **Members:** Ajay Bhutoria and Dr. Robert Underwood
- **Ex-Officio Member:** Carol Wu
- **DFO:** Judith Teruya

Summary of Meetings and Presentations:

The Immigration and Citizenship Status Subcommittee meets monthly. Following the Commission's seventh public meeting on October 25-26, 2023, the Subcommittee met on November 15, 2023, December 13, 2023, January 17, 2024, and February 7, 2024. The Subcommittee received presentations from the following subject matter experts who helped to inform their recommendations:

- **Elizabeth Mura, Senior Advisor, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security:** Presented on the affirmative asylum process and challenges exacerbating backlogs in processing affirmative asylum applications.

Summary of Recommendations:

The Immigration and Citizenship Status Subcommittee approved the following draft recommendations to present at the February 27, 2024, full Commission meeting:

- **Recommendation #1:** The Subcommittee recommends that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) end the use of Controlled Application Review and Resolution Program (CARRP) and provide meaningful redress mechanisms for individuals whose cases have been pending for extended periods of time due to USCIS vetting programs.
- **Recommendation #2:** The Subcommittee recommends that DHS and the Administration look at solutions to provide safety and stability for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients and DACA eligible individuals, if the DACA program is terminated.

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Language Access Subcommittee

Subcommittee Membership:

- **Co-Chairs:** Dr. Kimberly Chang and Victoria Huynh
- **Members:** Simon Pang
- **Ex-Officio Member:** Laureen Laglagaron
- **DFO:** Erika Ninoyu

Summary of Meetings and Presentations:

The Language Access Subcommittee meets monthly. Following the Commission's seventh public meeting on October 25-26, 2023, the Subcommittee met on February 2, 2024, February 9, and February 16, 2024. The Subcommittee received presentations from the following subject matter experts who helped to inform their recommendations:

- **Glenn D. Magpantay, Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights:** Presented on the 2023 Statutory Enforcement Report on "The Federal Response to Anti-Asian Racism in the U.S."
- **Stephanie Wong, Special Assistant, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights**

Summary of Recommendations:

The Language Access Subcommittee approved the following draft recommendation to present at the February 27, 2024, full Commission meeting:

- **Recommendation #1:** The Subcommittee recommends that the Commission report and final meeting of their term be accessible in at least the top three AA and NHPI languages, including 'Ōlelo Hawai'i. The recommendation also encourages future President's Advisory Commissions on AA and NHPIs to include planning and budgeting to ensure public meetings are accessible through simultaneous oral interpretation and recordings, and written translations for materials are available in at least the top 10 AA and NHPI languages.

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