

2014 Day at the Capitol Recap

Attendance

Advocacy Trainings

- 44 attendees – Non-Profit Staff
- 38 attendees - Community Activists

Rally: estimated 250 individuals in attendance

Community-based organizations and Communities represented:

- Hmong American Partnership
- CAPI USA
- Karen Organization of Minnesota
- Karen Community of Minnesota
- Community for Rochester
- 1st Minnesota Hmong-Lao Division, USNDC
- Association for the Advancement of Hmong Women
- Fil-Minnesotan Association
- University of Minnesota students
- National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
- Cambodian Veterans
- Vietnamese Social Services of Minnesota
- Saint Paul Public Schools staff
- Hennepin County staff
- Chinese Social Services
- India Association of Minnesota
- Hmong Cultural Center
- YMCA of Greater Minneapolis

Legislators & Commissioners at Rally

- Sen. Alice Johnson
- Sen. FOUNG Hawj
- Rep. Joe Mullery
- Commissioner Kevin Lindsey
- Commissioner Katie Clark Sieben
- Sen. John Hoffman
- Sen. Warren Limmer
- Sen. John Marty
- Sen. Dave Thompson
- Sen. Dan Hall
- Sen. David Senjem
- Rep. Karen Clark
- Rep. Jim Davnie
- Rep. Rena Moran
- Ramsey Cty Commissioner Jim McDonough

Legislators visited

- Rep. L. Lillie
- Rep. P. Fischer
- Rep. J. Ward
- Rep. K. Clark
- Rep. J. Davnie
- Rep. B. Dettmer
- Rep. M. Beard
- Rep. C. Laine

- Rep. K. Zellers
- Rep. S. Johnson
- Rep. C. Mariani
- Rep. A. Hausman
- Rep. T. Mahoney

- Sen. J. Hoffman
- Sen. C. Wiger
- Sen. J. Marty
- Sen. Dibble
- Sen. K. Dziedzic

Evaluation Themes

Good

- “Eye-opening experience”
- Established connection with legislator, shared community perspectives with them, enjoyed talking with them
- Realized that they have much work and learning to do
- Learned what a 501c3 can and cannot do (non-profits)
- Learned how to engage and approach a legislator (community activists)
- Learned more about the political process & the power of advocacy
- Would attend API Day at the Capitol again next year
- Rally and speeches were inspiring, felt empowered
- Learned that there are few legislators of color, wanted to mobilize community to get more Asians elected to office
- Realized that to make change, it’s important to show up

Not So Good

- Visits with legislators were too hectic, wanted more time
- Would like more time in training to role play
- Would like to be more informed about particular bills in order to talk with legislators