

Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council

MINUTES

MARCH 15, 2019

11:30-2:00

COUNCIL CHAIR	Chair Vayong Moua
ACTING CHAIR IN COUNCIL CHAIR'S ABSENCE	N/A
TYPE OF MEETING	CECLC Monthly Meeting
NOTE TAKER	Elizabeth Stein, Nicole Juan
ATTENDEES	Maret Banks, Titilayo Bediako, Dr. Nkem Chirpich, Pastor Emory Dively, Rev. Dr. Jean Lee, Anjuli Mishra Cameron, Kia Moua, Vayong Moua, Brendabell Njee, Adesola Oni, Maria Sarabia, Sheree Steele, Nyagatare Valens
NOT IN ATTENDANCE	
DHS STAFF	Roberta Downing, Tamir Elnabarawy, Stacy Twite, Verona Mitchell, Wendy Plager, Rebeca Sedarski, Nicole Juan, Elizabeth Stein, Stacy Wells, Olukemi Adeniyi-Akins, Christa Spielman, Keneisha Gilmer, Beth Dansie,
SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTERS:	Rosalva Hernandez, Elizabeth Stein
PUBLIC:	Melvin Giles, Suonvisal Seth

Item	Notes	Action Needed
Review/approve minutes from previous meeting	<p>Motion to approve January, February minutes. Quorum present</p> <p>1st Motion: Dr. Nkem Chirpich 2nd: Kia Moua</p> <p>None opposed. Motion passes.</p>	 February 2019 CECLC Minutes Draf
Review/approve today's agenda	<p>Motion to approve January, February, March agendas: Quorum present</p> <p>1st Motion: Dr. Nkem Chirpich 2nd: Kia Moua</p> <p>None opposed. Motion passes.</p>	 March 2019 CECLC Agenda Final.pdf
Comments from Chair, Vayong Moua	<p>Chair Vayong Moua began the meeting by recognizing the recent attack on two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand and sending healing energy to those affected.</p> <p>Vayong discussed the recent report from the Office of the Legislative Auditor's assessment of fraud allegations with the Child Care Assistance Program. This report could not substantiate any claims that CCAP fraud money has been used to fund terrorist organizations in foreign countries. These allegations have been used by some to target communities in Minnesota, and highlights the importance of DHS building trust with community to stop Islamophobic narratives in cases like this.</p> <p>Vayong said that minority communities are often intentionally pitted against each other to distract from the overall goal of solidarity. Intersectionality does not guarantee solidarity, and it requires deliberate action to lift all communities.</p> <p>Attached to the minutes and briefly discussed: HEAL Letter of Support from CECLC</p> <p><u>Update to CECLC legislation</u> Currently no hearing date. Senator Hayden has signed on as author of companion bill, SF 1561. Representatives Moran and Lee are authors on HF771. The new language removes the council sunset date (currently June 2020), includes \$50,000 in council funding for increased community engagement, and strengthens connections with DHS.</p>	<p>Contact your legislators so they know about your participation in the CECLC and ask them to support this legislation.</p>  HEAL Letter of Support from Comr



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	<p>Council member Titilayo Bediako asked if we should be concerned that we don't have a hearing date. More communication is needed about the strategy and timelines surrounding this bill. Others have mentioned that while the first committee deadline is March 15, 2019, there are still opportunities to move this legislation forward.</p> <p>Vayong asks that all members reach out to your legislators and advocate for the council, ask that they champion this legislation (HF771/SF1561).</p>	
<p>DHS Updates- Roberta Downing, Assistant Commissioner</p>	<p>Roberta Downing began her update with an acknowledgement for Nicole Juan, Community Relations Project Manager, who has taken on a significant amount of work during the administration change to keep the train moving for the Community Relations division. The Director of Community Relations position has been posted and will close early April. The job posting is intentionally brief, DHS is seeking a wide range of applicants. Postings have also been created for positions on the council as most member terms expire in July 2019. Those postings can be found on the Secretary of State's Boards and Commissions website. Please spread information on these positions to your networks.</p> <p>Roberta and several council members recently met to go over the DHS Equity Policy and find areas where it can be updated and strengthened. The group decided to build on the existing policy and will have regular meetings moving forward. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 25th at 12pm. Please contact Nicole Juan if you would like to be a part of these meetings or send items or concerns you would like addressed.</p> <p>Federal Relations Update: DHS welcomed a new Federal Relations Director, Tamir Elnabarawy. Tamir joins DHS after serving as a senior health care staffer for U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson. The White House recently released its budget request for 2020. While it is widely expected to be rejected by Congress, more detailed, agency-specific information will be provided as it becomes available. See below for more details about how the President's Budget would affect DHS programs:</p> <p><u>Work Requirements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally implements stricter work requirements for working-age SNAP, federal housing, Medicaid, and TANF beneficiaries. • The proposal includes hardship exemptions. <p><u>Medicaid:</u></p>	<p> CECLC FAQ 2019.pdf</p>

- Reduces Medicaid spending by \$1.5 trillion over ten years.
- Shifts more than \$1.2 trillion to a “Market-Based Health Care Grant Program” (a block grant).
 - The program’s growth is limited to the pace of inflation
- Eliminates funding for the Medicaid expansion population.

SNAP:

- Reduces SNAP spending by \$219 billion over ten years.
- The proposal includes the “America’s Harvest Box” proposal to replace some SNAP benefits with a monthly box of nonperishable items.

TANF:

- Reduces overall TANF spending by \$21 billion over ten years.
- Reduces the TANF Block Grant by \$15 billion over ten years.
- Eliminates the TANF Contingency Fund.

Opioids:

- Overall, the proposal keeps opioid funding flat.
- Cuts nearly \$100 million from opioid-specific grant programs for law enforcement and community groups.
- Cuts the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's budget by \$62 million in FY20.
- Allocates \$245 million over 10 years to let states “extend Medicaid coverage for pregnant women with substance use disorder to one year postpartum.”
- Funds \$1.5 billion in state response grants over ten years.

Child Care:

- Includes a one-time, mandatory investment of \$1 billion to establish a competitive grant for child care in underserved areas.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

- Eliminates the CDBG.

Social Services Block Grant (SSBG):

- Eliminates the SSBG.

<p>CECLC Legislative Report & DHS Annual Equity Review- Nicole Juan and Liz Stein</p>	<p>The 2019 CECLC Legislative Report was published March 13, 2019 and will soon be on the external CECLC website. Nicole also commented on the update to the implementation of the Equity Policy document, which identifies where more effort is needed and lays out performance indicators for standard in the policy.</p> <p><u>2018 Equity Review</u></p> <p>Liz Stein presented on the results of the 2018 Equity Review, which is done as a requirement of the annual legislative report. The presentation provided an overview of projects included in the review which were intended to reduce disparities among cultural and ethnic communities, or were under the scope of the DHS Equity Policy. Persistent barriers to equity work were reported surrounding lack of funding, data/technology, and community involvement.</p> <p>Council members responded and emphasized need to see action and change. Collecting data is not enough, annual results of this project point to structural inequities and a lack of leadership, power and accountability which have set priorities that perpetuate these barriers. Vayong also suggested giving a better idea of the scope of this review in relation to all of the work DHS is doing, as well as creating more defined sections criteria on projects that are included.</p> <p>Nicole mentioned this information will be presented to the senior management team. The full review can be found in the 2019 Legislative Report.</p>	 <p>2019LegislativeReportCECLC.pdf</p>  <p>CECLC March 2019 staff update.docx</p>  <p>2018 DHS Equity Review.pptx</p>
<p>DHS Community Voices and Child Support-Rosalva Hernandez</p>	<p>Rosalva Hernandez updated the council on her work from the DHS Child Support Online Communication tool. This project used community engagement to increase current child support online tool use and solicit feedback on the challenge of driver's license suspension protocol for past-due child payment supports. The goal is to teach the methodology they've used for engagement at 10 more sites, currently taught through the Future Services Institute.</p>	 <p>Child Support & Community Voices N</p>
<p>Community Input & Concerns, Announcements</p>	<p>Council members repeated concerns regarding the status of CECLC legislation. Titilayo commented that the council should reach out to the Governor regarding the council's asks. Council members also questioned what role DHS can play in promoting CECLC legislation.</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm</p>	

