

# AAQOL Commission Health Workgroup

**Members:**

Commissioner Kavita Radhakrishnan (Lead)

Commissioner Vince Cobalis

Commissioner Catherina Conte

**Scope of Workgroup:** To address health and wellness needs of underserved Asian American communities residing in the city of Austin

**Date of Meeting:** December 14, 2017

**Location of Meeting:** AARC, Cameron Road

**In Attendance:**

Commissioner Kavita Radhakrishnan

Commissioner Vince Cobalis

Community Member – Ly Binh (Health Equity Unit – APH)

Community Member – Sinying Chan (Health Equity Unit – APH)

Call-in: Community Member - Veena Viswanathan (Austin Public Health)

Call-in: Commissioner Catherina Conte

**Topics Discussed:**

- 1) We discussed how practicum projects of graduate nursing students at The University of Texas Austin School of Nursing can be leveraged for AAQoL health workgroup purposes. These year-long practicum of 240 hours are part of the new Leadership in Diverse Settings (LEADS) masters' nursing program. Attendees brain-stormed and identified following potential projects that could be explored as practicum projects:
  - i) Develop or assist in developing training module for cultural competency for clinicians at safety-net hospital settings or mental health settings such as Integral Care
  - ii) Link providers in the Asian Behavioral Health Network (ABHN) with ATCIC certification process.
  - iii) Conduct needs assessment and possibly develop an implementation plan for community health navigators serving the Arabic-speaking Austinites for AARC non-profit group.
  - iv) Conduct needs assessment and develop a database to schedule patients with LEP on the same days of the week as clinicians/providers who speak those languages. The settings could be safety-net hospital settings or mental health settings such as Integral Care.
- 2) Commissioner Cobalis has been asked to comment about the qualities to a recruitment panel at APH. The group discussed in-depth desired qualities in the director of Austin Public Health.