

**Important
Announcement:**

Please renew your annual member with us for Year 2013 if you have not done so. Our bi-annual Executive Board Election is coming up in April. Only current members may vote or be nominated, Your vote and Your voice are important to us!

**Organization
Member: \$100**

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Member: \$30**

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AHSSC Annual Meeting and “Understanding Your Survey Result of the Symposium: Current Landscape of MLTC and Adult Day Care”

On April 19, 2013, Asian Health and Social Services Council (AHSSC) held its Annual Meeting at VNSNY Chinatown Community Center (7 Mott Street) and the Election of Executive Board Members took place. In addition to the Board election, survey results from the previous month’s successful and well-received symposium on March 13th: “the Current Landscape of MLTC and Adult Day Care” were reviewed.

John Tsoi, President of AHSSC along with Teresa Lin, Secretary of AHSSC greeted and welcomed Council members to the meeting. Maggie Wong, Vice-president of AHSSC then introduced the topic for May’s meeting: Affordable Care Act Update. She also invited all guests and members to share about relevant topics of interest and current issues to be discussed and examined in future Council meetings. By staying informed, Council organization members and guests collectively may continue to promote quality health and social services in New York’s Asian community through advocacy, service coordination, and interagency collaboration.

Next, Dr Loan Mai our Research Committee Chair led us in reviewing survey result. Loan reminded us that the Council has been spreading the knowledge of the change in MLTC since one year ago. She added that it is important to continue to conversation with one another as concerns and updates arise so that we may best assist and support community members who often look to us for support in making educated and informed choices.

The survey of the symposium contained 4 questions on a likert scale with a 5th open question inviting attendees to provide comments and feedback. 36 surveys were completed. For the 4 questions, respondents were given a 3 category scale of : “Agree,” “Somewhat Agree,” and “Disagree.”



The very first question asked if participants viewed the workshop as informative; 35 of 36 responded “agree”. Looking more in-depth, the one respondent who put “somewhat agree” commented that s/he would have liked to have more time for Q&A as well as more printed information, indicating that s/he in actually felt the workshop to be information wished for even more information.



The second question explored whether participants thought the workshop presentations to be clear. Again 35 of 36 agreed and one responded “somewhat agree”. This one respondent also put “disagree” when asked whether there was adequate time for Question and Answer. Third question asked whether the symposium had assigned adequate time for questions and answers, and discussion. 25 of 36 agreed; 7 somewhat agreed and 4 disagreed. Of those who did not feel there was adequate time, the common written responses were: more time was needed, and that Q&A could have been its own extended session. Fourth question asked if the presentations were useful. 34 of 36 agreed and 2 responded “somewhat agree”. Of these two respondents, one wrote that the information was more technical than what they needed. The other respondent did not qualify their response with a written comment.



Lastly, we looked at the comment section with written responses. The largely positive and enthusiastic feedbacks include:

“Presenters were fantastic, smart, clear & structured in their presentation. Thanks for a great Seminar. Please do again in six months.”

“Continue to do this kind of workshop periodically.”

“Excellent. Very informative.”

“Great information given even without questions....I will totally be able to use the information given...I am eternally grateful.

“Excellent program.”



Symposium participants also provided suggestions for topics of interest for future Council meetings:

Strokes

Updates on laws and regulations

Rules and regulations of adult day

Continue with this topic periodically

Pooled income trust

Email contact of attendees

Medicare plans and their coverage

Glossary of terminology

In conclusion, the survey allowed the Council to gain the following insight from the attendees:

Information on this topic is high impacting for those in the field.

More knowledge is needed specifically on the regulations and procedures.

Continued support is needed to navigate the changes and challenges.

A dialogue is needed, not only to share information, but also to emotionally support each other.

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Asian Health and Social Service Council Executive Board Election Result for 2013-14

We are proud and excited to announce that Teresa Lin and David Chau had been voted as our President and Vice-President respectively by majority vote of all our voting members. 17 Organization members voted (14 in person and 3 by proxy) and all voted in favor of installing this new board of directors as well as amendments made to AHSSC's bylaw.

Both Teresa and David have been dedicated and active in service in our community for many years. We look forward to having them lead the Council in striving to improve our services to community members.

Teresa and David will have the support of Dr Loan Mai and Eva Wong as co-secretaries and Serene Nie as Treasurer.

John and Maggie along with our esteemed Senior Advisors (Selina Chan, Ed Ma, Kenneth Lam and Susan Wong) will work closely together with the new board of Directors in the next two months to ensure a smooth transition.

Thank you for your vote and support!

Next Monthly Meeting Agenda

Agenda

Affordable Care Act Update: Implementing Medicare Cost Savings

Date: Friday May 17, 2013 (9am to 11.15am)

Location: Charles B. Wang Community Health Center
168 Centre Street, 3rd Fl, New York, NY 10013

9:00 Coffee/Networking

9:30 Welcome Remarks –

John Tsoi, President of Council

Teresa M. Lin, Dir., Asian program, CHOICE Health Plans and Home Care, VNSNY

Moderator: Maggie Wong

9:35 Presentation:

Kieu-Loan Mai, Ph.D., Research Consultant and Psychologist

10:00 Proposal to revise the Bylaws & Election of Council Board Member

11:00 Closing

