

New American/Foreign Born/Immigrant Advisory Board
January 24, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Attendance – Board Members

Bini Kouadjo	Geraldine Ambe
Ray Osadolor	Gurjot Dhaliwal
Hamzat Koriko	Fowzia Adde
Reggie Tarr	Stella Jurua
Sahra Abdullahi	

Other Attendees: Alicia Belay, Sargam Ghimire, Kiamya Philson, Hannah Anderson, Slate Boyer, Marie Moe

Welcome and Roll Call (Dr. Koriko)

Announcements and Updates:

- WhatsApp plan (Sargam Ghimire, NFI Liaison)
 - We had our internal leadership meeting and decided to let the group remain as it is and then create a new group where we will post announcements, invites, reminders, etc. This new group will give board members freely to chat freely.
- COVID-related updates (Kiamya Philson, Health Equity Immunization Coordinator)
 - The task force was formed last April, and we have decided that there are some changes that can be made. We will be moving to a standing meeting every month but may not have to meet each month. Reminders will be sent out prior to each meeting.
 - Working on deciding to figure out what to do with the \$50,000 that was allocated to the board. Membership has been offered out to members in the community. If you know of anyone, please let Kiamya or Sargam know.
- North Dakota Public Health Association Conference (Sargam Ghimire)
 - NDPHA has invited all three advisory boards to speak at their conference that will be held June 7-10. We need one member from the NFI board to volunteer to present.
 - There will be a pop vaccination clinic held February 4 in Minot at a Bakery. Please spread the word as you can.

Strategic plan/plans in new year (Dr. Koriko)

- If you cannot make a meeting, please reach out to Alicia, Sargam, etc., to let someone know. If there are many unexcused absences, we can't have those people on the board anymore.
- If you still have not signed the Statement of Intent, please do so asap.
- Each object in the plan is a part of the mission duties. This document can always be revamped or updated.

- The plan gives us a guidance on where we are at right now and where we want to be and a way to track that.
- We will keep track of the recommendations and ideas that are brought to this meeting.

Open Discussion (Dr. Koriko)

- What is happening within our NFI community?
 - Covid education – mental issues going on. How can we approach mental health that people are facing?
 - How can we use the opportunities that have been given to us to tackle issues outside of Covid?
 - Many of our funding sources have strict requirements on how they are used and reported. There are some small grants for preventative health that could help with women and cancer screenings. Reach out to Alicia and she can help with these small grants if you are interested.

Next meeting: Monday, February 28, 2022