

**Becoming the Healthiest Nation:
Addressing the Multiple Determinants of AAPI Health**

Poverty . Justice . Climate Change

**May 19, 2015: 10 am SST . 11 am HT . 2 pm PT . 5 pm ET
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Register at: bit.ly/APIC-APAHM-Webinar

Webinar Description:

This Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM), the Asian & Pacific Islander Caucus (APIC) for Public Health will continue its advancement of the American Public Health Association's (APHA) 2015 National Public Health Week's Call to Action, "Becoming the Healthiest Nation in a Generation."

Why? Because Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) experience health disparities and are also the two fastest growing racial populations in the United States. Looking towards the future, we have the opportunity to change our nation's health trajectory by working with the fastest growing populations to decrease their health risks, by focusing on prevention, the multiple determinants of health, and health in all policies. In order to become the "healthiest nation," we need to go beyond health care and transform the way we approach health, by addressing broader issues that affect health – the social and economic environment and the physical environment.

The webinar will feature three speakers:

Carmen Nevarez, MD, MPH, Director of the Public Health Institute's Dialogue4Health and past APHA President – will provide an overview of "Becoming the Healthiest Nation in a Generation." (See NPHW [infographic](#)). The second and third speakers will address how to address the poverty and climate change issues affecting AAPIs, from Ellis Island to the Pacific Islands.

Lisa Hasegawa, MPH, will give a presentation on "Organizing for Racial Justice, Healthy Neighborhoods & Financial Stability – Research & Tools to Address Growing Poverty in AAPI Communities." Lisa is the Executive Director of National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD), and the former Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders. Lisa will talk about how the increasing income inequalities in the United States are impacting low-income AAPIs, immigrants and those with limited English proficiency. She will address the research and organizing that is being done to address poverty and racial justice, and will provide a Call to Action, and what we, as public health professionals, can do to address AAPI poverty.

Emi Chutaro will give a presentation on "Understanding the Social Determinants of Health in the Pacific Islands through the Perspective of Climate Change." Emi is the Executive Director of the Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA). Emi will talk about how climate change is disproportionately affecting the Islands of the Pacific, and what we as individuals, and as public health professionals, on the mainland, and across the diaspora and globe, can do about it. Islanders have done little to contribute to climate change - contributing less than 0.03% of current global greenhouse gas emissions – but are among the first to be affected. While the United Nations has identified American Samoa, Micronesia, Fiji and Tuvalu as the coastal areas most affected by climate change, other islands are also experiencing climate change impacts on their communities, infrastructure, water supply, coastal and forest ecosystems, food supply (fisheries/agriculture) and human health. Sea level rise, sea temperature increases, ocean acidification, altered rainfall patterns, and temperature rise, are threatening health, safety and economic well-being. PIHOA is committed to addressing disaster preparedness, advocating for better research and data, and strengthening its constituents' ability to engage in climate change negotiations, access international funding sources, and meeting their international responsibilities, such as those that will be addressed at the 21st Conference of the Parties to the

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) that will take place November 30 – December 2015 in Paris, France.

Elena Ong, PHN, MS, the President & CEO of the Asian & Pacific Islander Caucus for Public Health, will moderate. Elena has organized numerous APHA invited sessions on health equity” and becoming the healthiest nation. She is currently examining the relationship between the multiple determinants of health and “The Future of AAPIs in 2040,” a time when 1 in 10 Americans will AAPI.