NIH Biomedical Workforce Diversity Advisory Panel

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Summary of Recommendations

1- Target efforts to reach overlooked and underserved Asian Americans and Pacific Islander sub-groups.

2- Support post-secondary institutions who serve AAPIs.

3- Provide opportunities for research that is relevant to AAPIs.
1) Targets and Definitions

Defining AAPIs

Number of AAPI ethnicities = 48
# of languages spoken >300
% foreign-born = 69%
% below poverty = 6% Filipinos, 20% Samoans, 38% Hmong

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division
Overlooked and Underserved in Higher Education

• Educational status
  – % of adults that do no have a high school diploma
    • 34.4% of Laotian
    • 38.5% Cambodian
    • 39.6% of Hmong
  – 47.3% of AAPI college enrollment was in the community college sector (2005)

Findings from CARE (Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education) 2011
Overlooked and Underserved in Higher Education (cont.)

- % college students not earning a degree

Southeast Asians
  - 33.7% of Vietnamese
  - 42.9% of Cambodian
  - 46.5% of Laotian
  - 47.5% of Hmong

Pacific Islanders
  - 47.0% Guamanian
  - 50.0% Native Hawaiian
  - 54% Tongan
  - 58.1% Samoan
2) Support AANAPISI

- Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution federal program
  - AANAPISI programs
    - Academic Achievement Programs, Freshman Transition/Bridge Programs, College Transfer Programs, English Language Learner Program Improvement, Learning Research Centers, Data Collection
  - 15 of 52 designated institutions have received funding
3) Support research that is relevant to AAPIs

Strengthen Community-based participatory approach to research
– Translational science research

Consider also methods from:
– Public health research
– Health services research
– Ethnographic research
3) Support research that is relevant to AAPIs (examples)

- NIH funded Community Engaged Partnership Training

- NCI supports Asian American Network (AANCART) and Weaving an Islander Network (WINCART) for Cancer Awareness Research and Training

- NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities Imi Hale, a community network program

- Community Health Applied Research Network (CHARN)