

California Reducing Disparities Project: the API Workgroup

Purpose	To address mental health disparities in the Asian Pacific Islander (API) communities in California through the establishment of a two-tiered Strategic Planning Workgroup (SPW) aiming to develop the API Reducing Disparities Report for the State Department of Mental Health at the conclusion of the project.	
Time Frame	A two-year project from March 2010 to February 2012.	
Structure	Strategic Planning Workgroup (API-SPW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifty-five members from diverse individuals, API community-based organizations, and other entities which met membership criteria throughout California. • Participates in the regional and statewide meetings to address mental health service needs and to identify community-defined approaches in response to these unmet needs. • Contributes to the writing of the overall California Reducing Disparities Strategic Plan for the State Department of Mental Health through transparent and direct conversations in which each member will have an equal voice.
	Regional Lead Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One regional lead agency (Regional Lead) in each of the five regions: Sacramento, Bay Area, Central Valley, Los Angeles, and San Diego. • Designated facilitators/conveners for the regional workgroups. • Brings to the Steering Committee local and regional API mental health issues that have not been adequately addressed and make recommendations to address these issues based on input gathered at the regional meetings. • Conducts focus groups in each region to solicit input from other community stakeholders.
	Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consists of the Project Director, the Statewide Facilitator, and the 5 Regional Leads. • Provides leadership, oversight, and progress monitoring for the project. • Refines and integrates community-driven concerns and solutions before presenting them at the statewide meetings for further review, discussion, and decision.
	Consulting and Advisory Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consists of the Consultant/Statewide Facilitator, Dr. D.J. Ida of NAAPIMHA, and other mental health experts. • Provides relevant in-service training to Workgroup members.
	Administrative Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consists of the Project Director, the Project Manager, and the Project Assistant.
	Technical Support Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains IT equipment and supports other technical aspects of the project.

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Figure 1: API Strategic Planning Workgroup (API-SPW) Organizational Structure

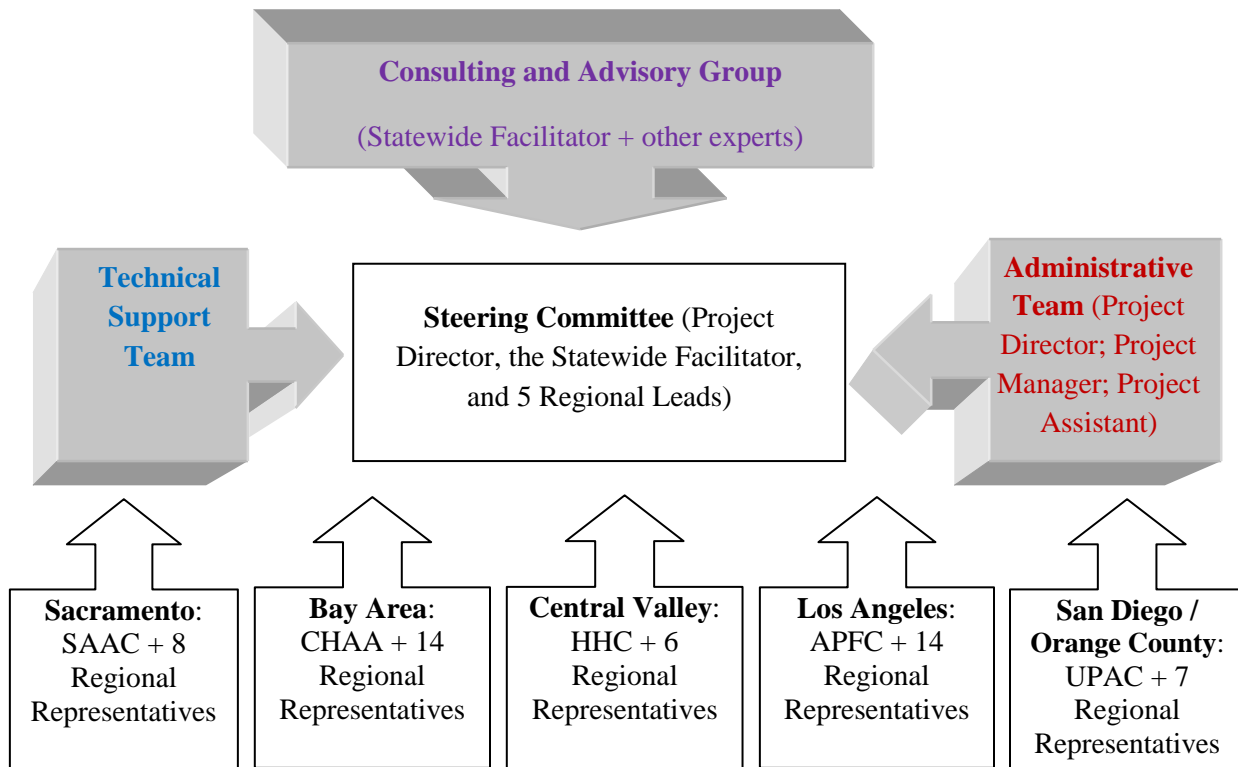


Table 1: Responsibility of the API-SPW Steering Committee

Name	Title	Agency	Responsibility
C. Rocco Cheng	Project Director	Pacific Clinics	Oversee the Project
Laura Leonelli	Sacramento Area Lead	Southeast Asian Assistance Center (SAAC)	Convene Sacramento Area regional SPW
Beatrice Lee	Bay Area Lead	Community Health for Asian Americans (CHAA)	Convene Bay Area regional SPW
Susan Vang	Central Valley Lead	Hmong Health Collaborative (HHC)	Convene Central Valley regional SPW
Terry S. Gock	Los Angeles Area Lead	Asian Pacific Family Center (APFC)	Convene L.A. Area regional SPW
Dixie Galapon	San Diego/Orange County Lead	Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC)	Convene S.D./O.C. Area regional SPW
D.J. Ida	Consultant and Statewide Facilitator	National Asian American and Pacific Islander Mental Health Association	Facilitate statewide meetings