

Asian Communities Help Launch Healthy Chicago 2.0

May-20, Chicago – Healthy Chicago 2.0 outlines the City’s four-year plan to improve health and well-being for residents in ten priority areas to health inequities facing some neighborhoods and communities. On Wednesday May-18, officials from the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) shared details of the plan to a gathering of about 55 people including residents, stakeholders and community leaders in Chicago’s Chinatown neighborhood.

Organized by the Asian Health Coalition, Center for Asian Health Equity at the University of Chicago and Chinese American Service League in partnership with CDPH, this event is part of series of six community events to share information about Healthy Chicago 2.0, and learn from community leaders about work that is already happening and hear ideas on how to improve the health of the community.

Held in the Grand Hall of the Chinese American Service League, the convening featured presentation highlights of the Healthy 2.0 plan and a panelist dialogue with CDPH Commissioner Julie Morita; Edwin Chandrasekar, Executive Director of the Asian Health Coalition, and Karen Kim, Director of the Center for Asian Health Equity at the University of Chicago. Announced back in March, Healthy Chicago 2.0 identifies 30 goals and 82 objectives, as well as 230 strategies to confront them. Morita said that it acknowledges how various factors can overlap and intersect to have profound impact on the health of Chicagoans, adding that since the initial Healthy Chicago initiative launched in 2011, Chicagoans are relatively healthier and more people now are insured.

The Chicago Department of Public Health is also looking to award seed grant funding between \$10,000 and \$20,000 to up to six non-profit organizations to tackle health issues unique to individual neighborhoods.



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For more information about the seed grants, please visit:

<http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cdph/provdrs/healthychicago/alerts/2016/may/healthy-chicago-community-seed-grants.html>