

Cambodian American Community

Friday July 18th, 2014

Question 1

“How can city leader work better with neighborhood and community organizations to make access to decision making opportunities more equitable and accessible to all residents?”

- Access to senior housing
 - Senior would like the City of Minneapolis to help find senior housing
- The City of Minneapolis should listen to problems and concerns
 - Many Cambodian citizen felt like there and opinion weren't valued
- Relationship between Cambodian and community is important
- Very important to understand the acieration with Cambodian
- The Cambodian community use to have a relationship with the City of Minneapolis and would like build more trust with the community

TSURT

T- Try (respond to issues)

S- Similarity (we can start to form there)

U- Understanding (mutual understanding)

R- Relationship building

T- Trust (will start to happen)

Ways to start building trust

- Would like the City of Minneapolis to help out with knowledge
 - Education is very low for Cambodian youth
 - Would like City of Minneapolis to address an agenda in education with Hennepin County
- Would like most safe places for Cambodian citizen (lower gang activities)
- Cambodian people don't have good relations with the City of Minneapolis and would like one
- Organizations like UCAM can build that trust and relationship with the City of Minneapolis
- Information is sent to community without understanding
 - Information should be translated or with be thrown away

- Most Cambodians depend on UCAM to get information
 - Healthcare questions and problems
 - Access to translation and interpreters

- Would like access to;
 - Scheduling doctors' appointments
 - Transportations
 - Translators

Health Information City of Minneapolis should know

- 90% of Cambodian Community have mental health from age 46 and up
- 37% of Cambodians have diabetes complications
 - Cambodians die from diabetes 7 times faster than other people
- 1 and 3 have chronic disease 50 years and older

Education, health and employment are low in Hmong community

- Most Southeast Asians rely on their own community for help, assistants and financial support and not the government.
- Work with youth staff and research location youth concentration in Minneapolis

Question 3

“What would get you and others involved in the community more involved in neighborhood organizations and in the civic life of our city.

- Most say the City of Minneapolis don't trust the people in the community
 - They desire the city to trust members in the Cambodian community
- Would like help with health, housing and employment
 - Access to help with other city departments for help and information
- More access to small programs and organizations for the city
 - Including youth, middle age, elders and churches
 - Would like city to visit once a month
 - When Cambodian community member city employees they would like them to talk
 - Have organizations leadership speak and participate for community in city meetings
- City of Minneapolis should utilize UCAM
 - UCAM offer bicultural and bilingual staff (Yorn Yan executive director of UCAM)

- Should use Michael Yang (Southeast Asian Specialist for NCR) to build bridges for Cambodian Community

Question 2

“What can city and neighborhood leaders do to help ensure that neighborhood organizations and all city boards and committees better reflect our communities?”

This question couldn't be completed because of limited time. Questions 2 will be sent by email to the United Cambodian Association of Minnesota (UCAM).