

2011 Members

- African Advocacy Network
- APA Family Support Services
- Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach
- Arab Cultural & Community Center
- Arriba Juntos
- Catholic Charities CCYO
- Chinese Hospital
- City College of San Francisco- Health Care Interpreter Program
- Human Service Agency
- Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights
- International Chinese Affairs
- International Institute of the Bay Area
- International Rescue Committee
- Newcomers Health Program, SFDPH
- NICOS Chinese Health Coalition
- Refugee Medical Clinic at Family Health Center (SFGH)
- Refugee Transitions
- Sunset Russian Tobacco Education Project (BACR)
- Survivors International
- Upwardly Global
- Welcome Back Center Initiative
- The Women's Building- Community Resource Room
- and many Individuals

Co- Chairs: Linette Escobar & Eva Iraheta
Secretary: Cristy Dieterich

SF-CAIRS Meeting

Wednesday, January 11th 2012 – **12:15 pm- 1:45pm**

San Francisco Foundation, 225 Bush St. 5th Floor San Francisco

Agenda

Welcome & Introductions – *Eva*
Leadership Elections – *Linette*

**** Special Topic:**

MEDA Tax Program for low-income filers Dairo Romero,
Director of Programs, Mission Economic Development Agency

**** Guest Panel:**

Community Profiles; needs, cultural values

- Nour Chamba, attorney from the Arab Resource Organization – Circle (LC) of the AMEMSA
- Burmese Family Health Network –Zar Ni Maung - community findings from findings from the recent BRFN and SFSU report
- Zaw Phan, Newcomers Health Program – Burmese refugees in SF, San Mateo, actions

**** 2012 topics and guests – survey to be sent via email**

** Agency updates, current initiatives, events, announcements etc.

Meeting Evaluation

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 12th 2012 – 12:15pm- 1:45pm

SF-CAIRS Mission

SF-CAIRS aims to serve San Francisco Bay Area asylee, immigrant and refugee communities and its service providers by:

- ❖ *Expanding knowledge and access to health, employment, social, education and legal services;*
- ❖ *Supporting advocacy efforts through coalition-wide networking, information sharing, cross-referrals and community education; and,*
- ❖ *Identifying and addressing challenges faced by immigrants at personal and societal levels.*

** Share info and resources by sending an email to the group at:

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