

The Association of Chinese Americans and Michigan Multicultural Network held annual summit to reduce tobacco use

The Association of Chinese Americans (ACA), Michigan Multicultural Network (MCN), and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) held MCN summit in Flint to discuss tobacco use in minorities and the harm tobacco products causes in minority communities.

On Nov. 9, the Association of Chinese Americans participated in the MCN Tobacco Reduction Annual Summit as a member of the Michigan Multicultural Network and representative of the Asian American community.

In the meeting, representatives from MCN organizations gave speeches on their focused area. As a representative of the Asian American community, Community Health Program Manager Kaikai Chen illustrated how the Association of Chinese Americans has contributed in tobacco use reduction within the Asian-American communities.

In the past year, the Association of Chinese Americans has conducted a questionnaire survey on tobacco knowledge and uses at multiple locations such as schools, churches, and small Asian businesses. The Association of Chinese Americans collected over 1,000 valid questionnaires, which allowed them to have a systematic understanding in tobacco use among the Asian American communities. The data also provided health conditions of the Asian American population for the government of Michigan.

The Association of Chinese Americans has been committing to improving the physical well-being of the Asian communities by providing a variety of health care services, medical consulting services, health and disease prevention lectures, health insurance services and many more. As a member of the MCN, ACA took a further step and conducted a series of educational and advocacy activities to reduce tobacco use in Michigan, especially among the Asian American communities. We hope that more organizations and groups would join ACA and work together to advancing the well-being of Asian communities.