



Dear All,

1 - 15th Annual Conference April 28, Friday 8:30- 3:30

BCBSM Lyon Meadows Conference Center (53200 Grand River, Wixom, MI 48165) It's going to be a great conference. 7 presentations! Seeing folks you haven't seen in quite a while! Food all day long...yes! AND you can pay your membership dues at the conference! Nimesha at the registration desk can take care of all of that!

The [conference registration form](#), agenda and map and attached.

2 - 2024 State Appropriation

Our 2024 \$400,000 appropriation is in the appropriation budget! Of course, we will keep an eye on it until final legislative approval.

3- '23 Membership Dues Over 50% of our members have renewed so far!

Stacey Doyle has all of the information.
stacey@gcfmc.org

You can pay your dues through PayPal on the website
www.fcomi.org

or mail a check to the address on the membership form
OR pay at the Conference next month! *The membership application is attached.*

4 - Quality Standards/Clinic Data Survey for 2023

The survey due date is passed BUT *please complete the survey* IF you can open the survey.

IF YOU CAN'T get in because NAFC closed the site, email Jeff at jcompagner@hfhc.org. He will send you our 2021 survey. It's not the same but we can get basic data information.

If you are **having any difficulty** at all about completing the survey contact either Nimesha at liyanage.bn@gmail.com or Jeff.

5 - New Eyes - Free Eyeglasses

info@neweyes.org **NEW RESOURCE**

Have you seen this site? Free eyeglasses for people below 250% FPL. The website has very specific approval information. Check it out.

6 - No Surprises Document

Any potential cost that patients could incur as your patient must be listed. This is the new law.....you must post. I sent the NAFC No Surprises alert with draft language to you on March 20. Email me if you did not receive the alert.

7 - Draft Conflict of Interest language with the Stark Law notation inserted

Take a look at this draft (attached to this update below). I believe this will suffice to make sure everyone joining your clinic team is aware of the prohibition. As always as with any legal document have your attorney review this before using.

8 - Medicaid Unwinding continued...

Michigan's website with current information:
www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/end-phe

Right now most clinics are just waiting for people to call or bring in their letters, at clinics they are informing people this is happening and that they will help with all applications.

IF you want to post an information flyer go the website just above, they have flyers you can personalize and then post or hand out.

MDHHS is doing a presentation at the conference with ample time for questions.

9 - Legislative Issues

- **Appropriation for 2024** – See #2
- **House Bill 4346 – Insulin Co-Pay Cap*** This bill covers cost for everyone, not just Medicare enrollees. Dropped because there was no action on it in the last session. Must be re-introduced.
- **House bill 6112 – Legislature to form a committee to review going from a federally based health insurance exchange to a state based insurance exchange*** The Senate Health Policy Committee heard testimony (2/1/23) from DIFS (Department of Insurance and Financial Services) regarding start-up costs, user fees and the number of states that have left the Federal exchange to create their own exchange. There was no discussion of vendors of healthcare plans or any potential loss of benefits to participants. No action.
- **House Bill 4131** - Telehealth will continue to be covered by Medicaid and not discontinued because COVID pandemic is declared passed. No action.
- **Public Health Code 378-1976 Use of Donated Medications** The new administrative rules were approved last week. Christine is reviewing them. **Christine will present the latest information on this at the Conference.**

- **Expanding broadband throughout the state** Go to [MI Connected Future statewide listening tour](#) for a list of the upcoming open meetings. MIHI has also put out a grant perspective for companies to expand fiber and cable.

If you see or hear of any legislation introduced in Michigan you feel impacts our patients or our clinics, please let me know.

10 - FYI FTCA documents

If you carry FTCA medical malpractice insurance, NAFC recommends that you keep those documents for 10 years, paper or electronic.

11 - Region Meetings Calendar

Southwest and Southeast next regional meetings are:
April 11 SE at 10:30 and SW at 1pm

Midwest regional meetings are quarterly: NEW for the rest of 2023...June 13, October 12 at 10:30

North meets 1 – 2 pm every other month – third Tuesday
April 18 at 1pm

Midwest Region also meets about quarterly. If you are in the Midwest region, contact Jeff Compagner jcompagner@hfhclinic.org he will gladly add you to their region list.

Assistance from FCOM:

- A) Carolyn Barr FTCA submission paperwork/questions
cbarr240@comcast.net
- B) Christine Rainey
Pharmacy/dispensary/medications/ questions
crainey@ferncare.org
- C) Ann Heler Clinic operation issues/questions
admin@fcomi.org
- D) Mary Jo Byrne FCOM Board President/
everything mjbyrne@fountain-clinic.org
- E) Nimesha Liyanage VISTA member
liyanage.bn@gmail.com Data Survey questions,
conference registration,
House/Senate elected officials

(Name of Clinic) CONFLICT OF INTEREST Document DRAFT

Volunteer, Employee, Board of Directors

A conflict of interest exists when a reasonable person might question whether the personal interests of an employee, volunteer or Board member could influence, or give the appearance influencing the employee's, volunteer's or Board member's ability to make impartial decisions focused exclusively on the best interests of **name of clinic**. A personal interest is one in which a staff member, volunteer or Board member has a personal investment or involvement, from which a person on entity other than name of clinic could receive some benefit. **This includes strict adherence to the Stark Law provisions:(Sec.1877-Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.-1395nn, Sec. 1903(s)(42.U.S.C.1936(b) of Social Security Act** Personal interests can be financial or nonfinancial, direct or indirect. Employees, volunteers and Board members have a fiduciary obligation to act in the best interest of the **name of clinic**. At all times, employees, volunteers and Board members are prohibited from using their job title or the organization's name or property, for private profit or benefit. The employees, volunteers and Board members of **name of clinic** should neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from contractors/vendors. This is not intended to preclude bona-fide **name of clinic** fund raising activities. No employee, volunteer or Board member of FCOM shall participate in the selection, award or administration of a purchase or contract with a vendor where, to his/her knowledge, any of the following has a financial interest in that purchase or contract:

1. The employee, volunteer, Board member
2. Any member of the employee's, volunteer's or Board member's family
3. The employee's, volunteer's, or Board member's life partner
4. An organization with whom any of the above individuals is negotiating, or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

Board of Directors additional conditions: The Board commits itself and its members to ethical, professional, and lawful conduct, including proper use of authority and appropriate decorum when acting as Board members. Accordingly

1. Board members must demonstrate loyalty to the interests of **name of clinic**, not conflicted by loyalties to employees, volunteers, other organizations, or any personal interests.
2. Board members are accountable for discharging their duties honestly and in good faith. Board members shall exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.
3. Board members must avoid conflict of interest with respect to their fiduciary responsibility to **name of clinic**.
 - a. There must be no self-dealing or any conduct of private business or personal services between any Board member and **name of clinic** or between an immediate family member of a Board member and FCOM, except as procedurally controlled to assure openness, competitive opportunity, and equal access to inside information.
 - b. When the Board is to decide upon a transaction, arrangement or issue about which a member has a conflict of interest, that member shall disclose the conflict to the Board and all relevant and material facts and absent herself or himself without comment from not only the vote but also from the deliberation. By majority vote of the Board, the requirement to recuse from discussion may be waived.

c. If there is a question as to whether a conflict exists, the interested person shall leave the Board or Board Committee meeting, and the remaining disinterested Directors shall determine whether a conflict of interest exists.

d. Board members will, at the time of election and annually thereafter, complete a written form confirming that they have read and commit to abide by the Bylaws and all current Governing Policies of the Board, and disclose the nature of their involvement with other organizations, vendors or any associations that might be, or reasonably be seen as creating a conflict of interest.

e. Board members must not use their Board positions to obtain staff employment for themselves, family members or close associates. A Board member may not apply for staff employment with **name of clinic** until he or she has resigned from the Board.

4. Board members must not attempt to exercise individual authority over **name of clinic** or its activities. A Board member has no independent authority to direct the actions or activities of the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director or any staff member or volunteer without specific Board authorization.

Disclosure – the person or persons concerned with any conflict of interest shall disclose the concern to the full Board of Directors **and/or** the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director immediately.

Record of Conflict – The official minutes of the Board shall reflect disclosure of the conflict of interest and that the interested person(s) did not participate in the final discussion or vote and did not vote on the matter.

Note:

1- **Volunteers and Staff** sign this document as part of the on-boarding process when joining the clinic. The document is kept in the volunteer/employee file.

2- **Board members** sign Yearly Affirmation of the Conflict of Interest By-Law at the designated Annual Meeting. This documentation is kept with the By-Laws document.

3- Suggested signature language:

I have read and fully understand the Conflict of Interest By-Law. I will abide by the tenets of the By-Law.

Signature

Date

Agenda

TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome and Housekeeping	Jody Buttery, FCOM Vice-President
9:30 - 10:00	Welcome and National Updates	NAFC
10:00 - 11:00	MI HHS Updates - Medicaid Unwinding Process	Nicole Hudson - Senior Advisor on Special Projects for Chief Deputy of Health/MDHHS
11:00 - 12:00	Legislative Issues	MPCA
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch	
12:45 - 1:45	Clinic Presentations • StreetOutreachClinics • C-Asist Family Health Clinic	Detroit, Stanley Stinson Garden City, Nancy Berry
1:45 - 2:15	2023 Recognition "On the Five" Clinics and Individual Recognitions	Ann Heler, Interim Executive Director
2:15 - 3:00	Update on Pharmacy Issues	Christine Rainey, PharmD
3:00 - 3:20	FCOM Priorities for 2024 - What Do You Want Us to concentrate on next year? *Summation of suggestions	Justin Brox, CEO Dr. Gary Burnstein Community Health Center
3:20 - 3:30	Summation/Closure	Jody Buttery, FCOM Vice-President

Lyon Meadows



Lyon Meadows Conference Center
53200 Grand River
New Hudson, MI 48165
(248) 486-2400

From Detroit Metro Airport (East I-94):

Take I-94 West to I-275 North to I-96 West (toward Lansing). Take exit #159 (Wixom Road) and turn left onto Wixom Road. Take Wixom Road to Grand River and turn right. Take Grand River approximately two miles. The BCBSM Lyon Meadows Conference Center will be on your right.

From West I-94:

Take I-94 East to US-23 North to I-96 East. Take exit #155 (New Hudson/Milford Road) and turn right onto Milford Road. Go to the first light and turn left onto Grand River. Take Grand River approximately two miles. The BCBSM Lyon Meadows Conference Center will be on your left.

From Detroit (East I-96):

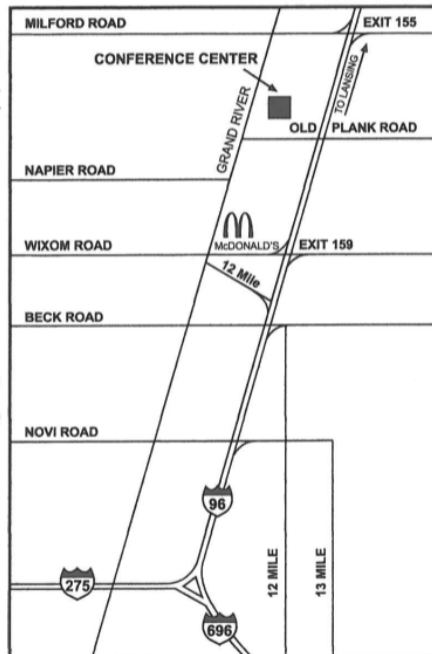
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From North I-75:

Take I-75 South to U.S. 23 South to I-96 East. Take exit #155 (New Hudson/Milford Road) and turn right onto Milford Road. Go to the first light and turn left onto Grand River. Take Grand River approximately two miles. The BCBSM Lyon Meadows Conference Center will be on your left.





2023 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Clinic				
Location Address				
	Street	City	State	Zip
Phone ()	Website		E-Mail	
Clinic Director		Phone ()	E-Mail	
Primary Contact		Phone ()	E-Mail	

CLINICS WILL MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA FOR FCOM MEMBERSHIP:

- Be a private nonprofit corporation that has 501(c)3 tax-exempt status or is a designated program component of a larger 501(c) 3 tax-exempt organization. *Copy of 501(c)3 required with first membership application.
- Provide services utilizing volunteers (may also have paid staff)
- Offer or facilitate access to free health care to the uninsured and underinsured who are eligible.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF FCOM MEMBERS:

- Support the goals and activities of FCOM, including participation in regional meetings and the Annual Meeting
- Share information and resources, network with and offer support to other member clinics
- Completing the NFAC Annual Data/Quality Standards Survey by February 23, 2023
- Payment of Annual Membership Dues by March 31st *New Requirement (date)

BENEFITS OF FCOM MEMBERSHIP:

- Know that you can contact the office for any assistance or information
- Be able to use the state's yearly aggregate clinic data and Infographic to benefit your clinic as you see fit
- Representation by FCOM with local and state officials and legislators regarding the needs of the uninsured
- Networking opportunities with other clinics through Annual Meeting, regional meetings, FCOM E-Mail and roster
- Notification of funding opportunities and potential access to funding
- Know that you are supporting the only organization whose mission is to support free and charitable clinic in Michigan.

FCOM ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE: January 1 through December 31 NOTE CHANGE IN DUES*

For Clinics with annual budgets below \$150,000 - \$100

For Clinics with annual budgets above \$150,000 - \$150*

I verify the accuracy of clinic information provided; the clinic meeting all criteria for membership, and commitment to comply with responsibilities of FCOM members including abiding by the Member Clinic Ethics document.

Signature of Clinic Representative	Title/Role	Date
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By Mail: Send completed form and check to:

FCOM - Stacey Doyle

fcomi.org/donate

c/o Genesee County Free Medical

2437 Welch Blvd

Flint, MI 49504

By E-Mail: Send completed form to: Stacey@gcfmc.org

Pay fee through FCOM PayPal Donation at: