

Save the Date

Novemeber 11, 2011

Come meet with free clinics at the Free Clinics of Michigan statewide meeting at the Lyon Meadows Conference Center in New Hudson, MI. Hear updates on legislation and be a part of the affordable care act discussion. More information coming soon.

April 18-20, 2012

FCOM at Free Clinics of the Great Lake Region Conference in Bettendorf , Iowa

Mission Statement

Improving access to health-care through advocacy, mentoring, and networking for and among member clinics.

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Collaboration in Battle Creek

Battle Creek, MI—Community Health Care Connections, a collaboration by Nursing Clinic of Battle Creek, Calhoun Health Plan and the local Prescription Drug Access Program, demonstrates exceedingly excellent care.



The focus every day, despite the uncertainty of health reform, is providing for the community's need. Everyone is allowed a first time visit; regardless of insurance status or income level. The hard working staff and volunteers are committed to connecting all community members with care needed. Once individuals are screened the uninsured will receive quality care at CHCC and the remaining individuals are referred to care elsewhere.

Providing oral health and education to the community of Calhoun County is done through the Pay-it-forward Dental Access Initiative. The program preps patients with a cleaning before additional care by local dentists who donate services out of existing offices. The good deed is paid forward when patients pay for service by volunteer hours with other community organizations. The opportunity to develop into active citizens is created among a population that includes many who have never previously volunteered. Battle Creek Health System has seen a steady decline in emergency dental care since the program was implemented.

The combination of transportation and education makes missed appointments a rarity. A network of transport through cab fare, bus tickets, trucks

and buses that go out to the patients nearly guarantees patients will be at the scheduled appointments. Furthermore CHCC prepares patients ahead of time so multiple facets of care occur with a single or limited number of visits. To aid the growing need, a partnership with Battle Creek Health System has allowed for the successful launch of a mobile clinic, bringing care directly to those could not otherwise access it.



The breadth of services accessible through CHCC is not limited and is growing daily to ensure the safety net is encompassing for Calhoun County and beyond.

Holistic Health and Free Clinics



Joy-Southfield Community Development Corporation



Detroit, MI—In addition to the medical clinic, Joy-Southfield has developed a community garden and a farmers market. The movement allows for inspiring healthy eating. When a patient is taking their medication properly they are rewarded with a coupon for food at the market. The market also allows for purchases with SNAP food cards and also offers the Double Up Food Bucks program. Furthering support of community health Joy-Southfield has even inspired a local liquor store to begin the process of becoming a grocery store.

St. Frances Cabrini Clinic Detroit, MI



Detroit, MI—Optimal health requires more than checkups and prescription assistance. Cabrini Clinic, the oldest operating free clinic in the nation utilizes a social worker to connect patients to socioeconomic resources that are vital for health such as food assistance. Additional programs that reach beyond the typical medical clinic are a monthly podiatry clinic and eye care exams, glasses and a mental health clinic. With expanding services for the community comes the expansion of the lineup at the door. Strengthening existing programs is the focus at Cabrini.



Detroit, MI—Transportation to and from MPCC is another key to successful health care. Mercy Primary Care Clinic has a truck moving from the medical home to the patients' location bringing the patients to their appointments. This greatly reduces missed appointments. The full pharmacy within the clinic allows for patients to receive their medication without extra traveling.

Renovations are underway for an expansion to the existing Special Personal Assistance (Spa) program at Mercy Primary Care Clinic. The program allows people of the community to receive a hot shower.

Monthly mental health counseling provides well rounded care at MPCC. MPCC will soon begin group visits to further education among patients and provide for the community's need.

Technology and Free Clinics

Catherine's Health Center



Grand Rapids, MI—Catherine's Health Center, home of the Free Clinic of Michigan office, has begun implementation of new technology. While operating costs of a newly renovated health center have been a recent struggle, the adversity is a welcomed challenge. One of the latest additions is implementing an open source electronic medical record available free of charge at www.oemr.org. The new building is also the only Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified free clinic in the state.

Cabrini Clinic



Detroit, MI—Cabrini Clinic has developed and is offering to share a patient registration software program with interested free clinics. The \$150 price tag will help cover the development costs and pays for duplicating the manual and cd with shipping and handling costs. The software will be accompanied with tech support from the creator and can be adjusted to individual needs. Mary Ellen Howard will do a demonstration at our November 11th meeting.

Clinic to Clinic Sharing

For distribution of communication throughout the entire FCOM membership, please direct inquires to the FCOM office.

Site Visits

Requests for site visits to your clinic are now available. Contact the FCOM office for more information.



Stop by the forum on the FCOM website for archived news, announcements, and general discussion.

2011 FCOM Roster

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Allegan Seeds of Grace Inc.
 Alpena **Free Clinic of Alpena**
 Barry **Barry Community Free Clinic**
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 Branch **Presbyterian Health Clinic of Branch County**
 Calhoun **Community Health Care Connections (Nursing Clinic of Battle Creek) Fountain Clinic**
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 Chippewa **Community Health Access Coalition**
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 Genesee **Genesee County Free Medical Clinic**
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 Hillsdale **St. Peter's Free Clinic of Hillsdale Co., Inc.**
 Ingham Cristo Rey Family Health Clinic **Care Free Medical, Inc.**
 Jackson **St. Luke's Clinic Inc. Dove Wellness Free Clinic**
 Kalamazoo [Kalamazoo Gospel Mission Health Clinic](#)
 Kent **Catherine's Health Center Health Intervention Services Oasis of Hope Center**
 Lapeer **Loving Hands Clinic**
 Livingston **Faith Medical Clinic**
 Macomb **Neighbors Caring for Neighbors (Warren)**
 Neighbors Caring for Neighbors (Sumerian)

Manistee Manistee Area Community Clinic
 Marlette [Caring Heart Health Clinic](#)
 Marquette **Cathedral Mental Health Clinic MCAM VolunteerClinic (Medical Care Access Coalition)**
 Mecosta **Hope House Free Medical Clinic**
 Oakland Fern Care Free Clinic, Inc. Gary Burnstein Community Health Center **Mercy Place Clinic** POH Children's Clinic
 Ottawa **City on a Hill Health Clinic Holland Free Health Clinic** Love Inc's Free Health Clinic
 Saginaw **St. Marys of Michigan Center of Hope Cathedral Mental Health Clinic** Community Prescription Support Coalition Healthy Futures of St. Mary's of Michigan
 St. Joseph **Riverside Health Clinic**
 St. Clair **Peoples Clinic for Better Health**
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 Wayne **Dr. Albert B. Cleage, Sr. Memorial Health Center Juanita Reaves Free Clinic (Joy-Southfield Community Health Center) HUDA Clinic (Health Unit on Davison Ave)** MAPI Free Clinic **Mercy Primary Care Center** Order of Malta Medical Dental Clinic **St. Frances Cabrini Clinic** Wyandotte Clinic for the Working Uninsured
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