



**Dear All,**

## 1 – Clinic Data/Quality Standards Survey

I have attached the 2023 Infographic. As soon as Jeff is able, there will be a webinar to go into details.

## 2 – FTCA malpractice coverage regarding Medicaid for our hybrid and charitable clinics...

Per the latest FTCA free clinic program guide, clinics that accept Medicaid or other reimbursement are **\*not\*** eligible for FTCA coverage: See p. 9 under eligibility: “The free clinic does not accept reimbursement from any third-party payor (including but not limited to reimbursement from an insurance policy, health plan, or other Federal or State health benefits program).”

<https://bphc.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/bphc/data-reporting/pal-2023-04.pdf> If you have any questions, call your insurance provider and/or attorney.

## 3 – Website Statistics

In July the website had 1,957 visitors and 4,826 pages viewed.

- 92% of visits to “Find a Clinic” page
- 2.5% to “Clinic Resources” page
- 1.7% to “Contact” page
- 1.3% to “Board of Directors” page
- 1.2% to “Become a Member” page

Thanks Jeff for the information.

## 4 - Information on applying for an AmeriCorps VISTA member

This just came across on Friday in the NAFC Friday Five. Our experience in the FCOM office has been wonderful. I would highly recommend taking a look at this website for more information.

<https://americorps.gov/partner/how-it-works/americorps-vista>

The program doesn’t need any selling from me but \$5000 for a full-time person to work with you???????

## 5 - The ALICE Report [umich.org/alice-report](http://umich.org/alice-report)

If you haven’t seen the report, I strongly recommend it. This report researches the cost of living across counties in Michigan and then puts their findings in this report. This is a much better reflection of the cost of living and therefore the poverty level than the amount the Federal government FPL uses.

I will tell you that once you look up your county and see the number of items that really make up the cost of living in your county you will be astounded. The report is useful for grants and presentations and if your clinic is income-based this may change that number. Take a look.

## 6 - Webinar series next step

Thank you for your responses! We have a good list to start with. The 7 top vote-getters in order were:

- Grants suitable for your clinic, what and where
- Clinic liability issues beyond medical malpractice
- Policies and Procedures - What does Best Practice strongly suggest you have in place
- Community Collaboration – how to develop
- Medical Malpractice insurance – traditional or FTCA
- Board of Directors – 501 requirements, legal requirements, best practice
- Becoming Visible to Local Elected Officials

The next email regarding the webinars will be the date/time of the first of our series.

## 7 – Medication Donations

A clinic recently asked Christine Rainey for an opinion on OTC donations. I thought it would be of interest. If you have any questions, email Christine [crainey@fernecare.org](mailto:crainey@fernecare.org): “Are we allowed to store and give OTC donations away? Absolutely yes! One purpose of the Drug Chain Security Act (DCSA) is to ensure that dispensed prescriptions have been bought from authorized sources in order to eliminate counterfeit meds or meds that have been exposed to improper conditions. I doubt there is enough profit in counterfeiting OTCs and Rx meds are so much more profitable to counterfeit or divert – which is probably why the DCSA applies only to RX items or those dispensed as an Rx (ie: Benadryl 25mg is OTC, 50mg is Rx).”

## 8 - Legislation

**HB 5966** – Carrie Rheingans, (D) Ann Arbor – Universal publicly funded health care for all Michigan residents There has been no hearing on this so far this session. This was brought up last session but there was no action taken so Ms. Rheingans introduced it again.

## 9 – Medicaid Unwinding Continues

Michigan’s website with current information [www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/end-phe](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/end-phe)

I will be sending out a brief (5 questions or less) survey at the end of this month regarding any change in patient numbers at your clinic, issues so far, and an estimate of costs associated with Unwinding. At this point, many clinics are reporting an increase in the number of patients

## 10 – BCBSM Annual Safety Net Meeting, Oct. 16 Crowne Plaza, Lansing

**Stanley Stinson**, Street Outreach Team mobile clinic will repeat his FCOM 2023 Conference presentation!!!!

**FCOM has been invited to do a 5 – 10-minute presentation.** I think this is the first time we have been highlighted in this way and we will also have an exhibition table! Another first for us.

It would be wonderful to have everyone there! I sent out the registration email on Aug. 23. IF you can’t find it in your emails, email me and I will resend it.

## 11 – NAFC Conference, Oct. 12-13, Thursday and Friday, Palm Springs, CA

I have sent out the registration information to all our clinics that are not NAFC members. The conference travels across the country; east, mid-west, and west. If the travel is too costly, next year it will be in the east, much closer to us.

The cost is roughly: early bird registration (\$399), plane fare is between \$700 - \$1000 – depending on the airline, etc. and if you stay at the conference hotel it is ~\$245/night. I, Ann, will be attending.

## 12 – Region Meetings Calendar

**Southwest** and Southeast's next regional bi-monthly meeting is: Oct 10 SE at 10:30 and SW at 1 pm

**Midwest** and **North** regional meetings are quarterly: October 17, ME at 10:30, and N is meeting *in person* at 1

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

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