



## Dear All,

Good health, laughter, and peace in 2024!

### 1 – 2024 FCOM Membership Dues

Stacey Doyle (stacey@gcfhc.org) has sent out the renewal membership application. Last year 43 clinics joined, which was over 50% of all the clinics we knew were operating in the state. I would love to beat that number this year! **IF you did not get the renewal packet**, email Stacey, she will send it out to you.

NOTE: There are dues increase based on your annual budget this year: **\$75** - clinics with budgets less than \$75,000; **\$150** - budgets between \$75,000 and \$150,000; **\$200** – budgets over \$150,000

### 2 – Yearly NAFC clinic data and Quality Standards Survey

Ariana Gordillo, NAFC, has sent out a *preview of both surveys* to everyone on our clinic list. IF you did not get that email, email Ariana Gordillo at ariana@nafc.org

The real survey will be out in January. We had a great return last year; 36% more clinics completed the survey.

ALSO, our AmeriCares VISTA volunteer will be available to help any clinic complete the survey, this means that you and she will work out a schedule of calls, in clinic assist... whatever you need! I will be sending more detailed information later in the next couple of weeks.

### 3 – More resources: grants

a. MetroHealth Foundation. Ruth Kaleniecki, CEO The grants are offered only to clinics in the tri-county area: Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb. Email for information [rkaleniecki@metrohealthfdn.org](mailto:rkaleniecki@metrohealthfdn.org)

b. HCN Living Foundation. A nonprofit dedicated to helping people with head and neck cancer patients live life fully during and after treatment by providing financial aid. Grants fund services and programs that directly benefit head and neck cancer patients, supporting their treatment and recovery in Michigan. Danielle Puzio ED. [hcnlivingfoundation@gmail.org](mailto:hcnlivingfoundation@gmail.org)

### 4 – The Luke Clinic YouTube video

I had asked all of you if you had a video, YouTube, or any other outreach item that you used to make your community aware of what you do. The Luke Clinic (Detroit and Flint) did this in November. Take a look: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umh7M3Q0g3A...> Remember if your clinic has a promotional video, u-tub video, please send it to me. Thanks, Wendy, for sending this in.

### 5 – FCOM: Outreach to your own & surrounding communities

More opportunities publicize your clinics locally:

- 1- *Does your library have your information cards?* Many libraries have information boards.... check into it.
- 2- *Does the person who answers city hall/township offices phone lines have a copy of the information card?*
- 3- *Do the drugstore and independent pharmacies have information cards to hand out?*

## 6 – Clinic Valuation Survey

One of the last pieces of documentation that we need to incorporate into FCOM is a yearly survey of the reimbursement value of our clinics' services. This is the document that will demonstrate the financial impact and value to our communities.

Mary Lewis, CEO, Dr. Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic and FCOM Board member and I think we have a document that will suit our purposes AND is not onerous to complete. We are talking to the state organization that designed the document and doing our own research. This is the initial announcement..... stay tuned.

## 7 – Legislative Update

**We are making a concerted effort to increase our state appropriation. I have been told by two representatives that the state will have a decrease in funding but that does not mean that we cannot ask for an increase. Our last increase was in 2019 when we went from 250,000 to 400,000.**

I will be sending out the FCOM legislative packet soon to all the clinics asking each of you to call your state rep or senator and introduce yourself and your clinic and to email the packet to each.

Each email will indicate if your rep or senator is on either one of the three Appropriations or Health Committees in the House or Senate. The real survey will be out in January. We had a great return last year; 36% more clinics completed the survey.

## 8 – March 5th and 6th Washington DC Advocacy Meetings

NAFC is organizing an Advocacy Day for State Association Managers. Dan Martin, Board Member and Chair of the Legislative Committee will be attending and meeting with Michigan's senators and representatives. The two-day cost is being underwritten by NAFC. The second day will

be an all-day state manager meeting de-briefing and legislative strategy meeting. This is the first time NAFC has organized an event of this kind. Usually Nicole and her legislative/advocacy specialist, both based near Washington, do this work.

**HB 5966** – Carrie Rheingans, (D) Ann Arbor – Universal publicly funded health care for all Michigan residents. No updates.

**Broadband expansion** – We continue to support all the work to extend broadband capability across the state. The work is on-going, and we will support this until capability is available to every inch of Michigan.

**House Bill 5166** – Stephanie Young (D) Detroit and others - Creating a perinatal quality collaborative. We support the bill and strongly support having our ob/gyn dedicated and other clinics offering obstetric care represented on the collaborative. No updates.

**9 - Medicaid Unwinding Continues.... until next May unless they extend the program**

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

## 10 - Region Meetings Calendar

**Southwest** and **Southeast's** next regional bi-monthly meeting is: SE Feb. 13 Tuesday, 10AM – Zoom and SW Feb. 13 Tuesday, 1PM – Zoom

**Midwest** and **North** regional meetings are quarterly: ME is Jan. 16 at 10AM and N is Jan. 16 at 1PM and is meeting *in person* at 1

**Midwest Region** also meets about quarterly but independently of FCOM. Their next meeting is in person February 13<sup>th</sup>. 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. **They are holding an in-person meeting in Feb.**

### ***Assistance from FCOM:***

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