



Dear All,

Attached is the region map!

1 – New Board Member

Maya Mortada (Zaman International) has been appointed to the Board until next year's Annual Meeting. Maya is working to open their clinic in the Fall. Nancy Berry (C-Assist Family Health Clinic) resigned from the Board. Her clinic is pursuing an FQHC look-alike status.

2 – Clinic Data/Quality Standards Survey

Jeff is presenting the CLINIC DATA webinar on AUGUST 3, 1pm. I have sent the log- in and will send it again. His report and the Infographic will be available on the website. This is one of the most important services FCOM offers to its clinics. This data is invaluable for your grant applications, website updates and presentations. When you present this and your own clinic's yearly data.... dynamite! A clear statement of what as a state we do and what your clinic does.

After discussion and the feedback at the Conference, we have set up a Board committee to review what we need to do to assist clinics, so the surveys better reflect their situations. You will be hearing more about this.

3- North Region Board Representative

Laura Shorn, Ogemaw Hills Free Clinic, has agreed to sit in on the Board meetings representing our clinics in the North Region.

This means all the regions, all the clinic categories (free, hybrid and charitable), both large and small clinics and urban and rural clinics are represented on FCOM's Board. Quite a feat and as it should be. Thank you Laura for filling out the team!

4 - National Institutes of Health – Reportable Diseases

This 3-page policy came out in May as a reminder of the importance of physicians reporting certain diseases in a timely manner. You can also access the page on URL: [//medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001929.htm](https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001929.htm).

This very probably should be part of the clinic policies and procedures.

5 - Webinar

Jeff has sent out through Constant Contact the 23 – 24 webinar series suggested topics. Look for it in your email box. If you did not receive it, you can access it at <https://conta.cc/44wCek6> . As soon as the preferences come in and the most agreeable day/time response are in, I will send out the topics chosen and begin to schedule the webinars.

6 - 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 so Ms. Rheingans introduced it again.

7 – Medicaid Unwinding Continues

Michigan's website with current information
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 estimate of costs associated with Unwinding. At this point many clinics are reporting an increase in the number of patients.

8 - BCBSM Annual Safety Net Meeting, Oct. 16 Crowne Plaza, Lansing

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

I just found out..... FCOM have been invited to do a 5 – 10-minute presentation. I think this is the first time we have been highlighted in this way. YEAH! Watch for the email from BCBSM for conference registration.

9 – 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, 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 your stay at the conference hotel it is ~\$245/night. I, Ann, will be attending.

10 – Region Meetings Calendar

Southwest and **Southeast** next regional bi-monthly meeting is: Aug 8 SE at 10:30 and SW is holding a luncheon on Aug 15

Mideast 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 he will gladly add you to their region

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Region Map:



Region Map and Location of Clinics and Referral/Resource Centers

