



## **JUNE 2023 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**



## Dear All,

## 1 - Christine Rainey, PharmD, Adjunct Professor, WSU School of Pharmacy

Our "all things pharmaceutical " point person has been **awarded** the Wayne State University, College of Pharmacy and Health Science Wayne State University Warrior Preceptor of the Year Award. Congratulations!

## 2 – June 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting followed by the Board Meeting

The new **board**: Executive Committee: **Mary Jo Byrne** President, - Fountain Clinic, **Jamie Bauerly**, Vice-President, St. Peter's Free Clinic of Hillsdale, **Jeff Compagner**, Secretary, Holland Free Health Clinic and **Christine Plummer**, Treasurer, City On A Hill Health Clinic.

Members of the Board: **Justin Brox**, Dr. Gary Bernstein Community Health Clinic, **Stacey Doyle**, Genessee County Free Medical Clinic, **LaShanda Snell**, Baxter Wholistic Health Center, Beverly **Van Den Berg**, Shiawassee Free Medical Clinic and **Nancy Zack**, Downriver Community Clinic.

The Board changed my title from Interim Executive Director to Executive Director.

We also decided to **change the date of the Annual Meeting** from the Spring to sometime in November. It was agreed that the Fall made more sense since we plan the next year's budget and programming. There was no mention of changing the date for the Conference.

## 3- FCOM membership high!

42 clinics have elected to join FCOM this year. Thank you for this visible support of our organization! We have just over 59% of all the clinics that I can find in the state. You know your support just makes us work harder to assist you in any way we can.

One of the things new this upcoming year is a monthly webinar series. Within the next two weeks I will be sending out a list of topics and from that schedule select our first year's offerings. Keep an eye out for that email.

### 4 - Congratulations to Nimesha Liyanage!

Nimesha has been accepted to Central Michigan University, College of Medicine! So many congratulations! No worries, she will still be with FCOM as our VISTA member but starting in August will go from full to half-time.

## 5 - Clinic Data/Quality Standards Survey

Once again thanks for sending in the surveys. Jeff is preparing for the DATA webinar. The date will be out soon. After discussion and the feedback at the Conference, we have set up a Board committee to review what we need to do to assist our smaller clinics and our street medicine clinics so that the surveys better reflect their situations. You will be hearing more about this.

#### **6 - Medicaid Unwinding continues**

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

If you saw the Detroit Free Press a couple of days ago, the state reports renewals are coming in much slower than anticipated. Not unexpected because most people don't think about their insurance until they need it. We will see.

I will be sending out a brief (5 questions or less) survey at the end of July regarding any change in patient numbers at your clinic, issues so far and estimate of costs associated with the Unwinding.

### 7 - Legislation Broadband expansion

This month the only issue is really expansion of broadband connectivity. The state has received yet another grant to continue to expand service across the state. In the past two months this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> major funding announcement! We of course can't be happier (telehealth and education just to name two issues) and of course are pleased so many people, legislators and businesses are also supporting this initiative.

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

Kim Kratz will be sending out announcements for registration shortly.

Stanley Stinson, **Street Outreach Team mobile clinic** will repeat his FCOM Conference presentation!!!! I believe this is the first time one of our clinics will open

the conference. I am sure all our clinics are on her list but just in case as soon as I receive the registration notice, I will forward it to all the clinics.

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

I will send out the registration information to all our clinics that are not NAFC members. The conference travels across the country; East, Midwest, West. If the travel is too costly, next year it will be in the east, much closer to us.

## 10 - Region Meetings Calendar

**Southwest** and **Southeast** next regional bi-monthly meeting is: Aug 8 SE at 10:30 and SW at 1pm

**Mideast** regional meetings are quarterly: NEW for the rest of 2023...Oct 17, **ME at 10:30 and at 1pm** and **N is meeting IN PERSON** 

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

## Assistance from FCOM:

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







## 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

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:

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