



Dear All,

1 – Christine Rainey, PharmD, Adjunct Professor, WSU School of Pharmacy

Our “all things pharmaceutical “ point person has been nominated for the Wayne State University, College of Pharmacy and Health Science Wayne State University Warrior Preceptor of the Year Award. Congratulations! There is no question you would get ALL of our votes!

2 – Check this out:

mibluesperspectives.com/stories

For the last years this site has featured an article on free clinics. One in 2021 and the second in August, 2022. Who knew? Justin Brox was scrolling and found it.

August 11, 2022 “Blue Cross opens the doors to free and low cost health care.” Take a look. I will be looking this early Fall to see if they continue featuring us.

3- 15th Annual Conference De-brief

Great conference! Ariana Gordillo from NAFC talking about the value of the surveys, Phil Bergquist from MPCA updating us legislatively, Nicole Hudson doing the overview of the Unwinding and leaving room for questions, Stan Stinson and Katie talking about the work Street Outreach Team mobile clinic does and Nancy

Berry and Zaina Berry talking about the work C-ASSIST does in Garden City both in-house and by mobile clinic.

We honored our clinics celebrating their “on the 5” opening dates and taking a moment to honor the work and passing of both Dr. George Costea (Cass Clinic) and Kathy Helsley (Boyne Area Free Clinic).

Panera came through. Great box lunches.

I sent out 3 of the 4 PowerPoints from the conference; Medicaid Unwinding, legislative issues and C-ASSIST Family Health Clinic overview. If you would like me to send them to you, please email me. We have another powerpoint from StreetOutreachTeam which needed HIPAA editing and will be out as soon as that is finished.

At the Board Meeting in June we will be looking at the comments from both the “how can FCOM assist your clinic” and the conference evaluations. Thank you all who took the time to complete both.

4 - Annual Meeting

This year’s Annual Meeting will be on June 8 at 1 pm, virtual with the Board Meeting

immediately following; 2 – 3:30 pm. I will send the meeting login about a week before. The proxy votes for members who cannot attend the meeting will go out very soon. These votes are really important because the Annual Meeting requires a quorum.

5 - FCOM's Facebook page is back!

In a really short time, we have gained 588 followers! Take a look, comment and of course "like" our page. Nimesha is keeping the page current....thank you!

If you have anything that you want to brag about at your clinic, if you have an upcoming fund raising event....send the information to Nimesha and she will post it (address at the end of this update). As usual, if you have a graphic, all the better.

6 - Clinic Data/Quality Standards Survey

Thank you everyone. The most surveys returned ever (36)! Watch for a webinar from Jeff Compagner detailing the survey and presenting 2022 Infographic and an Annual Data report.

We have 8 members who have not turned in their 2022 survey. This is a criteria for membership. Nimesha will be calling you to, with you, figure out a way to complete the survey.

7 - Medicaid Unwinding continued...

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

The letters are out as of May 1. This has begun.

If you want to post an information flyer go the website just above, they have flyers you can personalize and post or hand out.

I will be sending out a brief (5 questions or less) survey regarding numbers at your clinic, issues so far, estimate of costs associated with the Unwinding in about three months..

8- Membership

39 members! More than ever recorded! Thank you for your show of support for FCOM and its current operating team.

Everyone who sent in their membership renewal should have received the membership certificate (suitable for hanging) and the FCOM logo for your website, stationery and so on.

If not, contact Stacey Doyle stacey@gcfhc.org

9 - Legislative Issues

- **House Bill 6112 - Legislature to form a committee to review going from a federally based health insurance exchange to a state based insurance exchange*** *The Senate Health Policy Committee heard testimony (2/1/23) from DIFS (Department of Insurance and Financial Services) regarding start-up costs, user fees and the number of states that have left the Federal exchange to create their own exchange. There was no discussion of vendors of healthcare plans or any potential loss of benefits to participants. No action.*
- **Public Health Code 378-1976 Use of Donated Medications** - *The first public hearing was held May 2nd. Christine sent a letter outlining both our concerns and language that would address the concerns for their consideration.*

If you see or hear of any legislation introduced in Michigan you feel impacts our patients or our clinics, please let me know.

10 - Region Meetings Calendar (Meetings NEXT month)

Southwest and **Southeast** next regional bi-monthly meeting is: June 13 SE at 10:30 and SW at 1pm

Mideast regional meetings are quarterly: NEW for the rest of 2023...June 20, ME at 10:30 and N at 1pm

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 list.

Assistance from FCOM:

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



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
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