



## Dear All,

### 1 - BCBSM Annual Safety Net Meeting

Stanley and Becky, Street Outreach Team did a fantastic presentation! Everyone was moved and astounded with the quality and breadth of their work. Congratulations!

Mary Jo and I did our FCOM presentation at lunch. Well received but definitely not as dramatic as Street Outreach. The exhibit table looked very professional. Thank you Beverly van den Berg, Jamie Bauerly, LaShanda Snell and Mary Jo for tending the table during the conference.

Just great to see so many of our clinics represented!

### 2 - More resources

1. **Mobile Health Clinic group** - This is a nationwide association for those that operate mobile health units. Their website is quite comprehensive including a grant information page and information on their national conferences. For more information: [www/mobilehca.org](http://www.mobilehca.org) [www.mobilehca.org](http://www.mobilehca.org)
2. **BC3NP** - Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program I have attached the flyer I picked up at the Nickless Clinic in Essexville. Does your clinic

for the same information dedicated to the county you live in? Their services are by groups of counties. Contact them for information particular to your county.

3. **Lions Club services** - I have also attached the flyer I picked up at Nickless. Has your clinic formed a relationship with your local Lions Club? Services are incredible, including mobile units that can come to your clinic! Note this is a local application. Contact them for services in your own area.

### 3 - Medical Waste

What!!!! I know, I know. We need to think of everything in our clinics. Michigan Law Public Health Code PA 368 addresses medical waste including disposal of any needles has a date for keeping records of medical waste pick up and the length of time medical waste can remain in your clinics. *These records must be saved for 10 years and waste can stay at the clinics no longer than three months.*

For more information:

MI Dept. of Environment Quality, Medical Waste, EQC  
1752 (5/2011)

Medical Waste Regulation Act - Public Health Code Act  
368 (1978)

#### 4 - Trauma Informed Care

At the BCBSM conference, Stanley Stinson made mention of Trauma Informed Care. This is a specialized approach to patients who are very likely to have trauma events in their life. I have included the address for the website I did find. I am looking for a speaker for a webinar.

<https://www.traumainformedcare.chcs.org/trauma-informed-care-basics/>

#### 5 - Annual Data Survey Results and Infographic

The complete report is on the website. You can download both documents.

#### 6 - Newspaper Articles Useful for Discussion and Grant Proposals

I have included this information because it is current and speaks to what we do so well. Please use it if it fits.

*Primary Care saves lives. Here's why it's failing Americans* (Frances Stead Sellers) 10/17/23 Washington Post.

*How Do We Fix the Scandal That Is American Health Care?* (Nicholas Kristof) 3rd in the series "How America Heals". New York Times

#### 7 - Legislative Update

**HB 5966** – Carrie Rheingans, (D) Ann Arbor – Universal publicly funded health care for all Michigan residents. Ms. Rheingans has had one public meeting on this and will no doubt have more. I will keep an eye on her schedule and send emails as they occur.

**Broadband expansion** – We continue to support all of the work to extend broadband capability across the state. Fortunately, this effort is supported by the majority of legislators and many, many organizations. The work is on-going and we will support this until capability is really, really available to every inch of Michigan.

**NEW 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 OB care represented on the collaborative.

#### 8 – Medicaid Unwinding Continues

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

#### 9 – Region Meetings Calendar

**Southwest** and **Southeast's** next regional bi-monthly meeting is: **SE** Nov. 21, Tuesday at 10AM and **SW** is Nov. 21 Tuesday at 1PM

**Mideast** and **North** regional meetings are quarterly: January 16, **ME** at 10AM, and **N** is meeting January 16, Tuesday at 1PM

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

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