July, 2022

**Dear All**

1. **New Board President!**

Mary Jo Byrne, Fountain Clinic in Marshall is our new Board President. She brings a lot of clinic and FCOM experience with her. Fountain Clinic with Mary Jo as its Executive Director has been a clinic member since 2009 and is celebrating its 20th year! Just as a refresher, officers of the Board are elected yearly and can serve as officers or board members for only two terms (6 years). Congratulations to Mary Jo!

1. **COVID $250,000 monies approved in the 22 – 23 budget**

The money has been dispersed. Please contact Juliette Rousseau rousseauj@michigan.gov if you applied for this separate (NOT the $400,000 HHS appropriation funds) appropriation.

1. **Member Clinics Notice**

I am still contacting the clinics that did not send their clinic data to Jeff Compagner. This is a requirement for FCOM membership.

 The **Clinic Data Survey form** is available from Jeff Compagner. It is in a Constant Contact survey form format. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THAT EMAIL or can’t find it, CONTACT JEFF AT JCOMPAGNER@HFHCLINIC.ORG. He will get it to you promptly.

1. **CHRT Physician Survey - Where to refer patients for social needs has increased**

I have attached a short article about the survey. Please take a moment to look at the Key findings. How does that compare to your clinic? Have you talked to other clinics regarding “filling in the gaps” to assist the medical staff in your clinic?

1. **Legislative Issues**

**House Bill 4346** – **Insulin Co-Pay Cap**.

**House bill 5966** – **Establishment of a universal and unified health care system to reform the current payment system for healthcare coverage**.

 **House bill 6112** – **Legislature forma a committee to review going from a federally based health insurance exchange to a state based insurance exchange.**

There is very few committee meetings until after the Aug. 2 election. No current report.

If you see any or hear of any legislation introduced in Michigan you feel impacts our patients or out clinics, please let me know. I will certainly investigate the bill’s language and talk to the representatives and senators that introduced the bill.

1. **State Appropriation**

Our $400,000 **appropriation** is in the 23 – 24 budget. Don’t forget, the grant applications for this usually come out in late Spring. We begin working on an increase in our appropriation in late Fall.

1. **FCCOM Membership Renewal and the Clinic Data Survey**

37 clinics so far have renewed and we are of course still looking for more renewals and always, new members. ONLY $50 for the rest of this year! Bargain!

Your tangible support makes it clear that you feel the work we do at state level is useful and helpful.

The 2021 Survey is on the website. As you can see….just powerful numbers but also see that this represents only 26 of our clinics. Can you imagine the numbers with even 20 more clinics sending in information….!

A gentle reminder….**the survey is a requirement for FCCOM membership**. See #3 above.

1. **FCCOM Quality Standards Survey**

I am still contacting the clinics that are not NAFC members to arrange a time to complete the QS Survey. This is also a requirement for FCCOM membership.

1. **Fall Conferences**

**Blue Cross Blue Shield Safety Net Conference in person**  **October 13 at the Crown Plaza in Lansing.** The registration is not yet open for this yet.

**NAFC Symposium Oct. 24/25 both virtual and in person**. Indianapolis, Indiana. Go to their website for registration/hotel information. Registration is $399/person virtual or in person.

Stay safe, stay well. Enjoy this blast of Summer!



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