P&I Prep Webinar
March 4, 2020
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Today’s Agenda

1. What’s New This Year
2. March 18: Day of Action
3. NACHC’s Policy Agenda
4. Pre & Post Conference Planning
5. Reminder of Key Conference Sessions
6. Questions
What’s New this Year?

• Updated Schedule:
  • Conference begins Monday, March 16
  • Hill Day is Wednesday, March 18
  • Advocacy Media Table
  • Hill Day Rally on Capitol Hill is Wednesday, March 18

• Congress will be home - opportunities for in-district advocacy!
Messaging & Mobilizing

Unique
• Responding to public health concerns
• Value-based care
• Patient & Local control

What CHCs & Communities Could Lose
• Dependable revenue streams
• Providers
• Ability to serve patients through innovative, integrated care
Media is Far-Reaching Advocacy

Advocacy Media Table at P&I

• Work with NACHC staff to write op-eds and letters to the editors
March 18: Advocacy Mobilization Strategy

We Are So Close:
Let’s Pass Long-Term Funding!

Hill Day
Meet with Staff/MOCs

At Home
Unity for Community Health
Members Visit CHCs

On Phone
Call for Long-term funding
March 18: Hill Day

• State Primary Care Associations will schedule meetings with your members of Congress.
  • Please do not schedule meetings on your own!

• Wear blue for your Hill meetings

• Join us at 12noon on the West side of the Capitol for a Rally for CHCs.

• NACHC staff will be available in the United Methodist Building next to the Supreme Court:
  • 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. & 1:15 p.m. – 4 p.m.
State Delegation Meeting Schedule

- Check your reg bag for a copy of the schedule!
- Also available on:
  - the P&I mobile app
  - the Hill Day webpage

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Hill Day Bus Schedule & Info

NACHC will provide transportation to the Hill on Wednesday, March 18!

Shuttles will run from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. between conference hotels and Capitol Hill.

The full bus schedule and information can be will be posted at the entrances of conference hotels.
2020 Hill Day Captain

Marie Macaulay, Program Associate, National Grassroots Advocacy

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Call or text Marie with day-of needs on March 18, with questions about Hill meeting schedule changes or with any issues or concerns that arise.

www.HCAAdvocacy.org/Hill-Day-2020
National Day of Action – March 18

Opportunities to Take Action at Home
March 18: Unity for Community Health Day

- Encourage folks who will not be attending P&I to advocate at home.
- Your health centers can:
  1. Plan a visit to a district or state office of an MOC.
  2. Invite an MOC to visit their health center.
  3. Attend a town hall hosted by their MOC.
March 18: National Call-In Day

• If folks cannot step away from the office for the day, they can still take action!

• We need to make as much noise as possible to remain a Congressional priority.

• Encourage friendly competition among departments in your health center to generate more volume and make it fun!
Preview of NACHC’s 2020 Policy and Advocacy Agenda

Stay Tuned to Hill Day 2020 website, www.hcadvocacy.org/hill-day-2020/ – final Policy Papers will be posted here soon!
The 116th Congress and Health Centers

• Lots of talk about health centers last year, but despite many bills and hearings, no long term funding solution for the Community Health Center Fund, the National Health Service Corps and the Teaching Health Centers program

• In December, Congress passed another short-term extension of funding for all 3 programs, until May 22.

• Coming up against election year politics and floor schedule limitations

• Current political divide is challenging, though it means that bipartisan priorities like health centers stand out!
Importance of Congressional Staff

It’s recess week in Washington DC!

Downside: Members aren’t here

Upside: You can get much better time with their staff (and it’s easier to get a cab!)
NACHC’s 2020 Legislative Agenda

✓ Mandatory Funding Extension
✓ FY21 Appropriations Funding
✓ Workforce Program Requests
✓ Cornerstones of Care - Medicaid, 340B, telehealth, and Medicare changes for both PT services and hospice care
Mandatory Funding Extension

Ask: Support, at a minimum, a 5-year extension of funding for the Community Health Center Fund (CHCF), National Health Service Corps (NHSC) and the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) program.
FY21 Appropriations Funding

Ask:

1. $1.78b for CHC discretionary funding
2. $275m increase for the National Health Service Corps
Appropriations Timing

• Deadline to sign Members on to the House letter is **Monday, March 9, prior to HILL DAY!**

• Senate letter will be circulating soon, with a deadline of March 20th – perfect for Hill Day advocacy!
Workforce Program Requests

Ask:

1. Support, at a minimum, a 5-year extension of funding for the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) and the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) program

2. $275m increase for the National Health Service Corps
Cornerstones of Care: Pick 1 or 2 to focus on!

Asks:

1. Protect a strong and effective Medicaid Program

2. Ensuring CHC’s ability to utilize 340B savings to provide more comprehensive care to more patients

3. Support H.R. 4932 and S. 2741, CONNECT for Health Act of 2019, to expand telehealth reimbursement in Medicare

4. Support H.R. 5693, the Primary Health Services Enhancement Act to expand access to physical therapy services in CHC’s

5. Support H.R. 2594/S. 1190, the Rural Access to Hospice Act to allow CHC providers to continuing supporting Medicare patients in hospice care
Other Policy Materials
Pre-Conference Planning

• Download the P&I mobile app. http://www.nachc.org/conferences/policy-and-issues/mobile-app/

• Pack Blue for Hill Day.

• Practice your elevator pitch.

• Schedule a time to write an Op-Ed/LTE at mmacaulay@nachc.org.
Post-Conference Activities

- Follow-up with/thank your congressional offices
- Share meeting feedback with NACHC by filling out a meeting report form
- Stay engaged with NACHC advocacy! Check out our website [www.hcadvocacy.org](http://www.hcadvocacy.org) for more information, including upcoming webinars, and to sign up to receive action alerts!
Key Conference Sessions & Events

• **Advocacy Leadership Program** – Monday, March 16, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (separate registration)

• **Be Ready to Head to the Hill** - Tuesday, March 17 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

• **State Delegation Meetings** - Tuesday, March 17, schedule available online

• **Hill Day/Unity for Community Health Day/National Call-In Day** - Wednesday, March 18

• **Rally on Capitol Hill** – Wednesday, March 18 at 12:00 p.m.
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