



Advocacy Day Is Just Around the Corner – March 4, 2013

With seven weeks left until Community Health Center Grassroots Advocacy Day, we hope you are finalizing your plans to come to Albany on March 4th. This is our opportunity to ensure that policymakers are familiar with the high quality, cost-effective primary care services provided by community, homeless and migrant health centers and our work towards achieving the "Triple Aim" of better health, better care, and lower costs. If you have not yet registered, please do so today!

Community Health Center Grassroots Advocacy Day

Monday, March 4, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration: 9:30 a.m.

Welcoming Program: 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Empire State Convention Center Meeting Rooms 2, 3 & 4

Empire State Plaza, Albany

DETAILS:

Registration: Registration is requested by February 22 and can be done online via the CHCANYS website.

Legislative Appointments with Your Local Legislators: Please begin to schedule your afternoon (between 12:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.) appointments with your local legislators as soon as possible. If you do not have the direct phone numbers for your legislators, call the Assembly Operator at 518-455-4100 and the Senate Operator at 518-455-2800. The more opportunities we take to present our issues, the better. In addition, please encourage your legislators to join us for the morning Welcoming Program at the Empire State Convention Center in meeting rooms 2, 3, and 4 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, where we will be introducing the goals of Advocacy Day, discussing our legislative agenda and hearing from New York State's elected leaders.

Lunch: In order to facilitate a smooth transition between the morning program and your afternoon appointments, CHCANYS will provide food vouchers for registrants which may be used in the Empire State Plaza's three food courts. In order to arrange for these vouchers, we need an accurate headcount. Please register online by February 22 in order to qualify for a voucher.

Security: Allow time to pass through Capitol and Legislative Office Building security, including metal detectors. You should have photo identification with you at all times. Proof of Citizenship is not necessary. Pocket and Leatherman knives cannot be carried through security.

Time & Place: Registration and a continental breakfast will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in meeting rooms 2, 3 & 4. The Welcoming program will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. Please allow plenty of time for travel, parking and arrival. The Empire State Plaza is a large complex; it can take 15 minutes to walk from one end to the other (wear comfortable shoes!). If you will need a wheelchair, you must indicate that when you register online.

Transportation and Parking Information: Car pools, buses or vans are recommended; parking is very limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. It is not possible to reserve parking during the legislative session.

Hotels: Please contact the following hotels directly for rates/reservations. Rooms fill up quickly, so we encourage you to book early!

Hotel Albany (formerly the Crowne Plaza Hotel): State & Lodge Streets - 518-462-6611
** use code 1GKX for a discounted CHCANYS group rate of \$109.

74 State Street: State Street - 518-434-7410

Hampton Inn: Chapel Street - 518-432-7000

Holiday Inn Express: Broadway & Pruyn Streets - 518-434-4111

Materials: Visit the CHCANYS website to access handouts and other information designed to help you prepare and plan for March 4th.

CHCANYS Board & Annual Meeting: The March meeting of the CHCANYS Board of Directors will take place on Sunday, March 3 starting at 3:30 p.m. at the *Hotel Albany* (formerly the Crowne Plaza Hotel). This meeting will be followed by dinner and the Annual Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the same location. A special hotel discount code for those attending this meeting and staying overnight for Advocacy Day will be available; details will be announced shortly. For those also participating in the HCNNY meetings on March 4th and 5th at the *Hampton Inn - Chapel Street*, please use code A04 for the discounted group rate of \$129 and \$5 parking. See above for the phone numbers to these and other area hotels.

A strong showing of numbers is essential to the success of Community Health Center Advocacy Day. We urge you to recruit widely for this important event; consider soliciting support from staff, allies in your community, and your board. Please call the CHCANYS Albany office at 518-434-0767 if you have any questions or concerns. ***We look forward to seeing you on March 4th!***