



# COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY DAY MARCH 7, 2016 ALBANY EMPIRE STATE PLAZA

## LEGISLATIVE MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

### WHOM TO VISIT FIRST

- Senators and Assemblymembers representing your community, homeless or migrant health center(s)
- Legislators from the area where you live
- You must arrange your appointments with your legislators in advance in order to ensure that you will be seen by them.

### WHAT TO DO

- If you don't have an appointment, ask if it is possible to see the legislator.
- If the legislator is not available, ask to meet with the staff in charge of health issues.

### WHAT TO SAY

1. Start with introductions - your name, where you live and the name of the health center(s) you represent.
2. Say you are in town for Community Health Center Grassroots Advocacy Day.
3. Thank the legislator for his/her past support.
4. Explain why your health center is important to you (sharing your personal story may be the most important tool you can use to get support from a legislator).
5. Refer to the talking points in your packet for important issues to highlight during your meetings.
6. Leave behind a legislative folder.
7. End by thanking your legislator or his/her staff for meeting with you.

**ADDITIONAL:** If you have time, please drop by and leave information with the offices below. Sign your name in the guest book and write "Support community health centers."

## THE LEADERS' OFFICES

Assembly	Room	Senate	Room
Speaker, Carl Heastie (D)	LOB 932	Majority Leader, John Flanagan (R)	CAP 330
Majority Leader, Joseph Morelle (D)	LOB 926	Minority Leader, Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D)	LOB 907
Health Cmte. Chair, Dick Gottfried (D)	LOB 822	Health Cmte. Chair, Kemp Hannon (R)	CAP 420
Mental Health Cmte. Chair, Aileen Gunther (D)	LOB 826	Mental Health Cmte. Chair, Robert Ortt (R)	LOB 815
Ways and Means Chair, Denny Farrell (D)	LOB 923	Finance Cmte. Chair, Catharine Young (R)	LOB 307
Insurance Comm. Chair, Kevin Cahill (D)	LOB 716	Insurance Cmte. Chair, James Seward (R)	CAP 430

### FINAL NOTES

- Fill out a Constituent Visit Report Form for each visit you participate in and return it to CHCANYS Staff at the Registration table.
- Remember that part of our success is BEING SEEN! Be sure to wear your button prominently.
- BE FRIENDLY, even on the crowded elevators. (You can always use the stairs).
- Enjoy yourself and remember - the Legislators are here to represent YOU!