

NAFC BOARD MINUTES

Date: March 2, 2017

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Face to Face Meeting

Meeting called by:	Board Chair	Type of meeting:	Regular
Facilitator:	Board Chair	Note taker:	Board Secretary

Minutes

Attendees: NAFC Staff, L. Robins, F. Bauermeister, S. Foley, S. Garris, K. Gottlieb, J. Henz, N. Hudson, B. Kapur, L. Wilkinson, A. McLaughlin, S. Watson, S. Wood

Call to Order/Board Chair Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Larry Robins at 9:07 AM EST. Members shared personal and professional updates.

Approval of Board Minutes

Linda Wilkinson made the motion to approve the January 24, 2017 minutes. Nancy Hudson seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.

CEO REPORT

The Board Chairman asked for comments or modifications to CEO report. No comments or modifications to CEO written report.

Public Policy Report

Staff reported that health care is rapidly in Washington, DC and that items reported on in the morning become obsolete and out of date within hours or even minutes. The NAFC is closely monitoring every issue that is happening, however, they are being cautious of sending out material in a rapid manner because so much is becoming out of date so quickly.

GOP Blue Print for Health Care:

Staff reported the GOP has issued their "Blue Print" for health care reform and repeal; their main points are:

- Repeal the ACA
- Enhance Health Savings Accounts
- Put Medicaid on a budget
- Increase State Innovation grants
- Provide Portable Tax Credits

Staff is reviewing this plan to understand the details and will report to the Public Policy Committee and the Board.

Title X Funding:

Staff reported that both the President and key Members of Congress have stated

that they will defund Planned Parenthood. Staff reminded the Board that Planned Parenthood does not have a line item in the Federal Budget; they are funded through Medicaid reimbursement and then through Title X funding. The NAFC is closely monitoring the Title X and Planned Parenthood conversations to make sure that the Title X program is protected for our patients and the clinics who provide care under this program. There was discussion among the Board about whether the NAFC should try to gain some of the planned parenthood funding for our clinics if it is eliminated. There was concern about the reporting requirements and ultimately the Board said the NAFC should continue pushing forward on this issue.

Medicaid Expansion/ Block Grants:

Staff reported that as Republican lawmakers debate a path forward on Medicaid reform, Republican governors and state insurance directors are asking Congress to make it easier for states to tailor their Medicaid expansion programs by reducing wait-times for waiver approvals, lowering the eligibility threshold and eliminating essential benefits requirements. Governors who expanded Medicaid also want to keep the enhanced federal match rate for those covered under the Affordable Care Act's expansion even though some Republican lawmakers say they want that match rate reduced. While originally there were conversations that the Medicaid program would be funded through block grants, new efforts on the Hill are for a per capita allotment to states instead of block Grant Medicaid funding. Staff will continue to monitor this issue and report to the Board.

340B:

Staff reported that 340B conversations have stalled on the Hill and that at this time staff does not feel it is worth our political capital to spend an overwhelming amount of time pushing for our inclusion in this program until the conversations start again. There was a robust conversation among the Board about whether or not our clinics could keep up with the reporting requirements. Staff will continue to monitor this issue.

Immigration:

Staff reported that while immigration has been in the news quite recently, the majority of conversations about immigration are being handled at the state level at this time. Staff is working with the State Representatives Council to monitor any state legislation that addresses sanctuary cities, immigration, funding and our members.

Data Collection:

The following State Associations have indicated that they will share all of their data (not just aggregate numbers) with us: CA, GA, OH, TX, VA, WV. Some associations only feel comfortable sharing aggregate data with us, because they do not feel they can share specific data on those clinics who are not members of the

NAFC, in their opinion we are a third party. While very helpful and we will be happy to share as appropriate, this does not fulfill the annual data membership reporting requirements of the NAFC, therefore we will have to reach out directly to NAFC members in those states as we would do any other year. To help members share their data in a fast-paced manner, the NAFC has secured donated incentive gifts such as iPads, computers, diabetic supply kits and plane tickets to the Symposium. All state associations that share their data will have all of their members' names submitted for a chance to win one of these prizes.

Hill visits – June 6th:

The NAFC Board will be holding Hill visits on June 6th and the Board meeting on June 7th. It is important for Members of Congress to visit with their constituents while they are in town. The NAFC Chair held Hill visits with staff and he reported that he felt the day of visits was meaningful and important for the NAFC.

Membership Feedback Survey

Staff provided the Board with a copy of a power-point with information on the feedback of the membership survey. All individuals who had commented or had questions of the NAFC have been contacted and the survey reported positive feedback of the work the NAFC does on behalf of the organizations that are members.

Monitoring CEO Performance (Policy 4.4)

Nancy Hudson made the motion to accept the *Policy 3.1 Treatment of Members/Constituents* report and the *Policy 3.2 Treatment of Staff* report. Stephanie Garris seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ends Priority (1.0) “The medically underserved have access to affordable health care” Discussion:

NAFC Board members confirmed that the current NAFC mission statement of “*The medically underserved have access to affordable health care*” continues to represent the NAFC and members adequately. Additionally, the Board confirmed that the mission statement continues to reflect the work that the organization, volunteers, donors, funders, and partners who are part of the association accurately. Finally, the Board confirmed that no changes need to be made at this time.

Sheri Wood made a motion to affirm the NAFC mission statement. Angie McLaughlin seconded the motion. There was discussion about whether or not the name National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics reflected the mission and the organization. Many different opinions were expressed and the Board agreed there needs to be more discussion on the name of the organization. After the discussion, the motion to affirm the mission statement approved unanimously.

Ends Priority (1.5) "There is a recognized standard of excellence for Free and Charitable Clinics" Discussion:

There was agreement among Board members that there needs to be a recognized standard of excellence for Free and Charitable Clinics and that this priority continues to reflect the priorities of the NAFC. There was agreement that the ED of each clinic as well as perhaps Board Chairs provide their signatures indicating their compliance with NAFC standards. The Board discussed a **tiered system** and the advantages to clinics; could assist clinics with their goals and improvements. Tiers could make it easier on the process, outlining the basic standards required and then additional standards to achieve higher tiers.

Staff requested that board members review the survey questions for standards and asked that Board members provide any edits and comments they feel are appropriate so there can be follow up discussion in the upcoming board meeting.

Bobby Kapur shared the brilliant idea to review the information provided in the recent survey and approve those clinics that indicated they have the stated policies and meet our standards. This could be announced at the Symposium in October.

Board Meeting Evaluation (2.1.8)

The Board expressed their appreciation on the detailed information on Policy. The board also expressed their appreciation and acknowledge the work of the staff that encompasses so many areas. Hosting the board for the meeting requires much work and the effort is evident. Appreciate the voice and face that Nicole has given the NAFC. Overall, the Board felt that they are doing pretty well at following policy protocol.

Meeting Adjourned @ 2:38 PM EDT