

# FREE CLINIC NEWS

A monthly newsletter to help keep you informed

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## October 2nd - Southwest Ohio Regional Meeting

The second regional meeting for the Southwest Ohio clinics in Dayton was a success! Thanks to everyone who was able to attend the meeting.

We had the pleasure of hearing from Jarrod McNaughton from the Kettering Health Network. It was great to learn how free clinics and hospital networks can become more connected and work together.

Please let the OAFC office know if other regional groups would like to have speakers!

## October 16<sup>th</sup> – Southeast Ohio Regional Meeting

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, the Southeast Ohio group had their first regional meeting! Thanks to the clinics that were able to attend the meeting and we are looking forward to continued meetings in the future!

## Free Clinic Appreciation Month!

As part of House Bill 320, December has been designated Free Clinic Appreciation Month. In conjunction with Ohio Department of Health, O AFC will present awards to the Free Clinic of the Year, and Volunteer Physician, Nurse, and Dentist of the year. Nomination forms are available on our website under the “Events” tab, and are due **October 30**.

O AFC and ODH will host a kick-off event on December 2 at the Ohio Statehouse Ladies Gallery. We will have a press conference at 3 to announce winners of the nomination process, followed by a reception at 4:30 at the Riffe Gallery across High Street from the Statehouse. More information will be sent in the coming weeks. Mark your calendars!

## Webinars

Thank you to everyone who participated in the webinars going over the UCF Reporting document. If you have any more questions on the UCF form, please contact Deb in the O AFC Office. We are hoping to have more informational webinars in the future, so if you have any suggestions or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact the O AFC office!

We are currently planning webinars to go over the new Annual Survey, so be looking out for an email about them in the near future!

## VISTA Members for 2016/2017 Year!

Have you ever thought of getting a VISTA member for your clinic? Do you need help implementing the Quality Care Standards? Now is the time to start considering whether or not you would like a member! There are currently 15 VISTA members serving in 12 Clinics and the O AFC Office. VISTA members can work on capacity building efforts in clinics, which could include implementing the new Quality Care Standards, growing the reach of your clinic, or putting together fundraisers for your clinic.



If you're interested in getting a VISTA member for the 2016/2017 year or you have more questions, please contact Maureen at [maureen@ohiofreeclinics.org](mailto:maureen@ohiofreeclinics.org) or 614-914-6458. We are also hoping to have a webinar for those who are interested or have questions about VISTA.

## Calendar of Events

### October

- 2 Southwest Ohio Clinic Meeting
- 5 UCF Reporting Webinar – 12 pm
- 8 UCF Reporting Webinar – 10 am
- 12 1st Quarter UCF Report Due

### Columbus Day

- 16 Franklin County/Central Ohio Clinic Meeting
- Southeast Ohio Clinic Meeting
- 18 Helping Hands Health & Wellness Center’s 7th Annual “Bowl to Help”
- 25-27 NAFC 2015 Charitable Health Symposium (Palm Springs, CA)

- 31 **Halloween**

### November

- 3 Education Committee Meeting
- 6 OAFC Board Meeting
- 13 Northeast Ohio Clinic Meeting
- 26 **Thanksgiving**

### December

- 2 Free Clinic Appreciation Month Awards Ceremony/Reception
- 25 **Christmas**



🔗 Want to share an event happening in YOUR clinic? Send info to: [deb@ohiofreeclinics.org](mailto:deb@ohiofreeclinics.org)

🔗 If you would like to join a committee, email [deb@ohiofreeclinics.org](mailto:deb@ohiofreeclinics.org) and we will add you to the roster.