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FREE CLINIC NEWS

A monthly newsletter to help keep you informed

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August 10th - Southwest Ohio Regional Meeting

The first regional meeting for the Southwest Ohio clinics was a success! Thanks to everyone who participated-- including VISTA members from 3 member clinics and the OAFC Office! These regional groups will act as resource sharing opportunities for clinics to connect and collaborate.

We are in the process of scheduling meetings for rest of the state! So, be looking for an email from Laura or Bekah in the OAFC office.

Mark Your Calendars!

September 18th is the OAFC Annual Meeting! The meeting is going to be **MANDATORY**, so each clinic should have someone there to vote on their behalf.

The speaker at the meeting will be Kerri Mollard from Mollard Consulting, a company designed to maximize the effectiveness of non-profit organizations and the individuals who serve them. She will be giving a presentation on Fundraising and Sustainability!

Coming your way soon!

Some of you know that Deb Miller has been making the rounds and visiting clinics recently. If you haven't seen her yet, feel free to schedule a time for her to visit. Otherwise, she'll be contacting you! Let her know of any questions or any materials you would like her to bring. So far, Deb has visited 20 clinics! To contact Deb for a scheduled visit, email her at: deb@ohiofreeclinics.org.

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Clinic Highlight: University Family Physicians Race Track Clinic – Cincinnati, OH

Many of the hundreds of seasonal grooms and stable hands employed at Cincinnati's River Downs racetrack can't afford the medical care they need, nor do they have the transportation to get to a doctor. River Downs employs about 250 seasonal workers, many of whom live rough behind the track. Most speak no English and do not have health insurance. Started in 2004, the University Family Physicians Race Track Clinic took to aiding the employees of the track.



The clinic treats chronic and acute health problems, work-related injuries, and substance abuse and provides preventive care, patient education, HIV screening, free medications and referrals to specialists when needed. In addition, the clinic provides a unique training opportunity for UC medical students, who work there under the supervision of Dr. Joe Kiesler. Keep an eye out for Dr. Kiesler at the Annual Meeting and make sure to say hello!



Welcome Jim Benedict to the OAFC Board!

Jim Benedict recently joined the OAFC board. He is currently the board president of Midlothian Free Clinic in Youngstown, Ohio, and he serves on the OAFC Quality Assurance Committee. He is a physical therapy instructor and Admissions Co-Chair of the Physical Therapy department at Youngstown State University. We are extremely excited to welcome Jim to the OAFC Board!

OAFC Board Retreat

This past week the members of the OAFC Board had a retreat to look at the changes in the Healthcare system and the role that the Association and free clinics are going to play in the future.



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Calendar of Events

August

- 12 OAFC Board of Directors Retreat
- 14 Legislative Committee Meeting
- 28 Quality Assurance Committee Meeting
- 28 Franklin County/Central Ohio Clinics Meeting

September

- 1 Education Committee Meeting
- 7 Labor Day (OAFC Office Closed)
- 11 Quality Assurance Committee Meeting
- 18 OAFC Annual Meeting Mandatory



October

- 2 Southwest Ohio Clinics Meeting
- 12 Columbus Day
- 31 Halloween
- Want to share an event happening in YOUR clinic? Send info to: deb@ohiofreeclinics.org
- If you would like to join a committee, email deb@ohiofreeclinics.org and we will add you to the roster.