

Healthcare-NOW! 2012 Strategy Conference Agenda (DRAFT 1/10/12)

Saturday, January 28th

2pm-3:45

Pre-conference Southern States Meet & Greet. Issues specific to organizing for single-payer in the South.

4pm

Welcome and Strategy Conference Overview. A brief overview of the conference. Speakers: Ken Kenegos, Health Care for All - Texas (confirmed)
Vanessa Beck, Healthcare-NOW! (confirmed)

4:30pm

Introductions around the room, 2 minutes each.

6pm

Dinner Keynote. Keynote speakers:

Michael Lighty, Director of Public Policy, National Nurses United, (confirmed)

Dr. Claudia Fegan, Past President, Physicians for a National Health Program (confirmed)

6:30pm

Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security Under Attack: What Do We Do, Fight Back!

Panel:

Michael Lighty, Director of Public Policy, National Nurses United (confirmed)

Peg Nosek, Executive Director, Center for Research on Women with Disabilities (confirmed)

Bob Sisler, Retirees for Single-Payer (confirmed)

7pm

Facilitated breakout groups to discuss tactics, strategies, and the following questions:

- What successes and challenges did you and/or your organization have in 2011 around defending Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security?
- What are specific and measurable goals around protecting our social insurance programs that we can set for the year?
- What tactics can we use to achieve these goals?

8:15pm

Return to big groups for report-backs, with decisions/ideas notated

8:30pm

Organizing for Single-Payer in the South. Panel:

Cathy Courtney, Health Care For All Texas (confirmed)

Rita Valenti, Healthcare for All Georgia

1 more panelist TBA

9pm
Closing remarks.

Sunday, January 29th

8:15am
Breakfast.

9am
Advancing Single-Payer in an Election Year. Panelists:
Don Bechler, Chair, Single Payer Now (confirmed)
Deb Shafto, co-chair TX Green Party (confirmed)
Tim Carpenter, National Director, Progressive Democrats of America Organizer (confirmed)

9:30am
Continued discussion with facilitated breakout groups to discuss tactics, strategies, and the following questions:

- What do you think it means to move single-payer forward in an election year?
- What are specific tactics for achieving these goals?
- Create a timeline for employing these tactics.

10:45am
Return to big groups for report-backs

11am
Break

11:15am
Organizing for Single-Payer with the Occupy Wall Street Movement. Panelists:
Katie Robbins, Healthcare for the 99% - Healthcare-NOW! NYC (confirmed)
Laurie Wen, Physicians for a National Health Program - NY Metro (confirmed)
Jennifer Blackburn, Occupy Portland (confirmed)
Alice Melendez, Occupy Houston (confirmed)
James Wyatt, Occupy Houston (confirmed)

11:30am
Continued discussion with facilitated breakout groups to discuss tactics, strategies, and the following questions:

- What (if anything) have you learned about grassroots organizing from OWS?
- What tactics employed by OWS could we/should we apply to organizing for single-payer?
- Create a timeline for employing these tactics.

12:45pm
Return to big groups for report-backs, with decisions/ideas notated

1:00pm

Lunch and Healthcare-NOW! Board Elections

Mark Dudzic, Director, Labor Campaign for Single-Payer (confirmed)

2:00pm

Workshops (Choose one)

Divestment Campaign

Ken Kenegos, Healthcare for All Texas (confirmed)

Johanna Bos, Divestment Campaign (confirmed)

Rob Stone, Divestment Campaign (confirmed)

Building Your Single-Payer Group

Don Bechler, Single Payer Now (confirmed)

Relationship and Coalition Building

Catherine Tactaquin, Executive Director, National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (confirmed)

Houston Peace and Justice member, TBA, (confirmed)

3:15pm

Workshops Report-Back and Strategy Planning

This section should be guided by questions including the following:

- Where is the single-payer movement at?
- Should we call for the repeal of the ACA/mandate?
- Based on what you learned from the panels and the workshops, what should our goals be for 2012?
- What skills and tactics should we employ?

5:00pm

Closing remarks