Healthcare-NOW! Strategy Conference

Building the Movement for Single-Payer Health Care*

Saturday November 13th

4pm

Welcome and Introductions:

Lead Facilitators, Don Bechler, Single Payer NOW; Laurie Wen, Healthcare NOW! NYC

5pm

“Policy and Protest: Philadelphians address fronts of the single-payer struggle”

Dr. Walter Tsou, Healthcare for All Philadelphia, Jacqueline Silver, MSW, Patricia Eakin, RN, Pennsylvania Allied Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals (PASNAP), Cheri Honkela and Galen Taylor, Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign (PPEHRC).

6:30 – 7:30 Dinner

7:30 – 8:50 Moving Single-Payer forward: Grassroots Strategies

Break-Out Groups will form around the following six themes to begin strategizing about the way forward in the struggle for single-payer health care:

Education facilitated by Ali Thebert, PNHP and Rebecca Elgie, Single Payer New York

Outreach/Base Building facilitated by Andrea Miller, Progressive Democrats of America and Lisa Patrick Mudd, Single Payer NOW
Labor facilitated by Mark Dudzic, Labor Campaign for Single Payer and Cindy Young, National Nurses United

State Strategies facilitated by Donna Smith, National Nurses United and Amy Lange, Minnesota Universal Health Care Coalition

Challenging Corporate Power facilitated by Drew Smith, Mobilize Ohio Movement and Margaret Flowers, Physicians for a National Health Program

National Legislation facilitated by Katie Robbins, Healthcare-NOW!

8:50 – 9:00pm

Closing Remarks

Sunday, November 14th

9:15 – 10:00 PANEL

“Faith and Single-Payer: moving forward for universal health care”

Dr. Bruce Hirsch, Network for Spiritual Progressives, Rev. David Bos, Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare Association, Hal Sanders, former administrator of Allegheny General Hospital of Pittsburgh and Presbytery elder Margie Rece, Quaker Religious Society of Friends

10:00 – 10:45 PANEL

"A Look at the Century of Struggle for Universal Health Care in the United States"

Dr Theodore Brown, Professor of History and of Community and Preventive Medicine and Medical Humanities at the University of Rochester

10:45 – NOON WORKSHOPS

- State Strategies: Chuck Pennachio, Healthcare for All Pennsylvania Mary Feldblum, Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign, Amy Lange, Minnesota Universal Health Care Coalition
• “David vs. Goliath: Divesting from private health insurance companies” Rev. David Bos, Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare Association
• “Training the trainer: learn how to organize an effective speakers training and evaluate single-payer speeches”– Don Bechler, Single Payer NOW

12:00 – 12:45 Lunch

12:45 - 1:30 PANEL

“Organizing in states and building the movement for the Human Right to Health Care”

Anja Rudiger, National Economic Social Rights Initiative, James Haslam, Vermont Workers Center, Al Gladyck, Retirees for Single Payer Health Care, Chuck Pennachio, Healthcare for All PA, and Amy Lange, Minnesota Universal Health Care Coalition

1:30 – 2:45 WORKSHOPS

• "Handcuffed for Health Justice: Civil Disobedience and Creative Direct Action" - Laurie Wen, Healthcare NOW! NYC and Drew Smith, Mobilize Ohio Movement
• "Taking it to the Streets: Outreach and framing for one on one Conversations about Single Payer" – Lisa Patrick Mudd, Single Payer NOW,
• “Healthcare is a Human Right” – Anja Rudiger, National Economic Social Rights Initiative, and representatives from the Vermont Workers Center
• “Infection in the System: a documentary by the Media Mobilizing Project” – Bryan Mercer and Amendu Evans, Media Mobilizing Project

2:45 – 3:00 Coffee Break / Reconvene Break Out Groups

3:00 – 4:00 Grassroots Strategies

Break Out Groups reconvene and refine strategy recommendations
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4:00 – 5:00 PLENARY: AFFIRMING THE STRATEGY GOING FORWARD

*Please note this agenda is subject to change