

Day at the Capitol 2017

May 3rd, 2017

CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates



What is Day at the Capitol?

Day at the Capitol (DAC) is an annual event that welcomes clinicians, directors, patients and health center advocates to Sacramento to engage with legislators and legislative staff about budget and legislative priorities impacting community health centers.

CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates, brings new elements to this exciting day in an effort to show our statewide strength! CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates is a CPCA affiliated organization created to advance the mission of community health centers. The new organization provides health centers more flexibility and capacity to advocate, above and beyond what is allowed by CPCA as a charity. All of our state level advocacy work will now be conducted by CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates.

Agenda

- Day at the Capitol Schedule and Logistics
- Coffee with Clinics Health Fair
- DAC Mobile App
- Legislative Landscape
- Legislative Priorities & Meeting Materials
- Effective Legislative Visits
- Q&A

DAC Morning Program

8:00 – 9:30 AM

LOCATION

BREAKFAST, WELCOME & GENERAL BRIEFING

Sacramento Convention Center – Room 203/204

- 8:00 - 8:30 AM Pick-up Name Badge & Materials
 - *You must have an Advocates name badge to participate in the lunch program – registration required!*
- 8:30 - 9:00 AM Welcome & General Briefing
- 9:00 - 9:30 AM Legislative Visit Coordination

9:30 - 9:45 AM

JOINT WALK TO THE CAPITOL GROUNDS

Depart Sacramento Convention Center

9:45 - 10:00 AM

LOCATION

GROUP PHOTO

West Steps of the Capitol

10:00 – 11:00 AM

**CELEBRATING THE ACA: *A Highlight of Our Success*
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER CHAMPION AWARDS**

Legislative and Guest Speakers

LOCATION

West Steps of the Capitol

DAC Afternoon Program

10:30 - 12:00 PM **LEGISLATIVE VISITS**

COFFEE WITH CLINICS & HEALTH FAIR (11:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

12:00 – 1:30 PM **MARKETPLACE LUNCH**

LOCATION

West Steps of the Capitol

○ 12:30 – 1:00 PM Keynote Speaker

1:30 – 5:00 PM **LEGISLATIVE VISITS**

2:00 – 5:00 PM **LOUNGE ON THE PATIO**

LOCATION

Cafeteria 15L (*Patio*) 1116 15th Street

5:00 – 7:00 PM **RECEPTION**

LOCATION

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Capitol Steps and Lunch Program

Celebrating the ACA: Highlights of Our Success

Capitol Step Program featuring:

- Assemblywomen Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher (AD 80)
- Assemblymember Jim Wood (AD 2)
- State Senator Richard Pan* (SD 6)
- State Senator Holly Mitchell* (SD 30)

Marketplace Lunch Keynote Speaker

- California's Attorney General, Xavier Becerra
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 - *Which means registration is required!*

*Denotes 2017 Community Health Center Champion Award

Coffee with Clinics Health Fair

- Ampla Health
- California School-Based Health Alliance
- Cares Community Health
- Clinica Sierra Vista
- Community Medical Centers
- Golden Valley Health Centers
- LifeLong Medical Care
- Marin Community Clinics
- Neighborhood Healthcare
- Sonoma Valley Community Health Center
- Tri-City Health Center
- The Children's Clinic
- Venice Family Clinic
- West County Health Centers



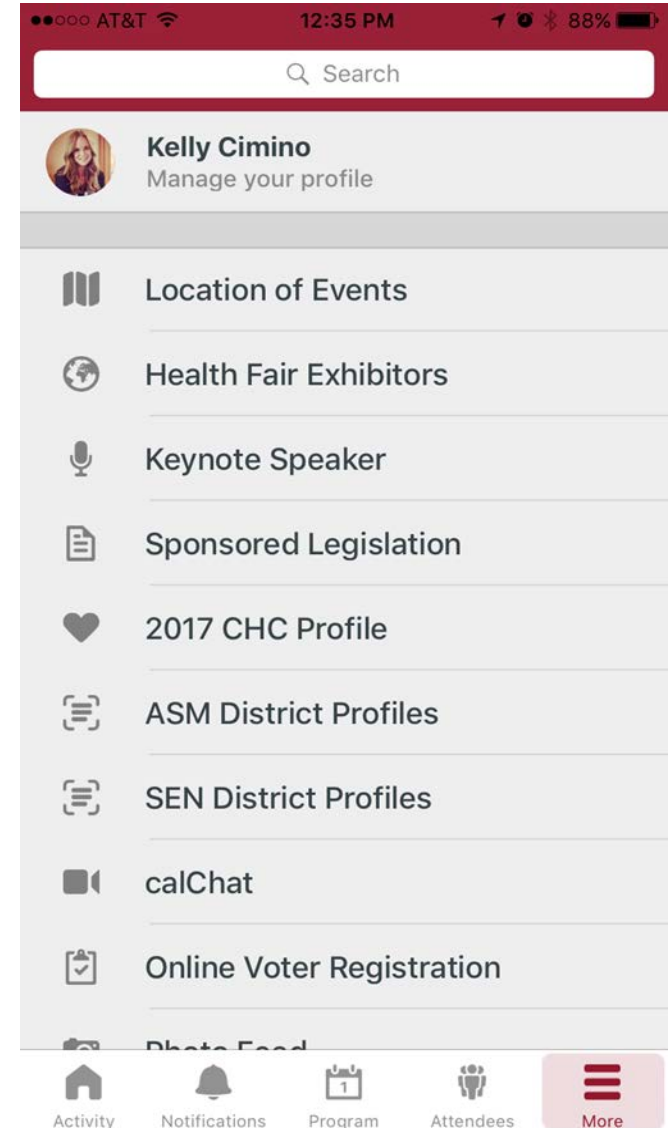
DAC Mobile App

APP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Program Agenda
- District Profiles
- Legislative Priorities
- Member Talking Points
- Activity/Photo Feed
- CHC Health Fair Exhibitor Info.
- In-app attendee discussions

TO DOWNLOAD:

Search **2017 ADVOCATES DAY AT THE CAPITOL** in the Apple App store or Google Play store.



Legislative Landscape

Legislative Process

- 4/19: Senate Health Hearing - SB 323 (Mitchell) and SB 456 (Pan)
- 4/28: Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills
- Next Stop: Appropriations

State Budget

- Ongoing Hearings
 - Senate Subcommittee 3 on Health and Human Services
 - Assembly Subcommittee 1 on Health and Human Services
- Next Stop: May Revise

Legislative Priorities

Behavioral Health Access to Care: Senate Bill 323 (Mitchell) will help our state's behavioral health delivery system by leveraging the role of community health centers. The bill clarifies how community health centers can contract and be paid outside of the traditional PPS rate for the delivery of Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) and Specialty Mental Health (SMH) services.

Care Coordination: Senate Bill 456 (Pan) will improve the health of California's most vulnerable people by allowing community health centers to be reimbursed for services that promote continuity of care and wellness in ways not covered by the current PPS rate. These services are referred to as "services that follow the patient" and may include care coordination, case management, health and wellness initiatives, comprehensive transitional care, individual and family support services, and more.

Budget Priorities

- **340B:** 340B is a federal drug discount program that was designed to support the mission of safety-net providers like community health centers with prescription drug discounts that allow the provider to stretch scarce federal resources. DHCS proposes changing the program in a way that will harm community health center's ability to leverage program savings to better serve uninsured and underserved, greatly reducing access to care.
- **Workforce:** The Governor's proposed budget eliminates the \$100 million investment made in last year's budget to help combat the primary care workforce crisis in California. Without this investment, California's primary care residency programs will be destabilized, and if Congress doesn't further fund the program, many programs will be forced to close.

Budget Priorities

- **Newly Qualified Immigrants:** Immigrant adults who have been in the country for less than five years are barred from receiving federal Medicaid benefits, but are eligible for state-funded Medi-Cal benefits if they meet income eligibility requirements. The Governor's proposed budget plans to transition these patients to Covered California. Patient groups have opposed this proposal in the past because the Medi-Cal program is better suited to serve the needs of low-income immigrants due to Medi-Cal provider's focus on culturally competent care that puts a premium on understanding the patients' language, culture, and individual needs.
- **Behavioral Health Access to Care:** The proposed budget delays the implementation of AB1863 (Wood), which expanded access to behavioral health services in community health centers, until at least July 2018. This delay would force high need patients to wait even longer for behavioral health services and force health centers to terminate Marriage and Family Therapists who they hired based on the law's January 2017 start date.

Federal Priorities

- **Health Care:** The national healthcare debate is threatening the incredible health care advances in California. The ACA and Medicaid are successful in California and we cannot lose the gains we have made. We must continue to invest in community health centers, the heart of the Medicaid program, and invest in the workforce initiatives that ensure we can meet our patient's needs.
- **Planned Parenthood:** Planned Parenthood is an essential provider and community health centers cannot absorb their more than 850,000 patients if they are restricted from receiving Medicaid resources.

Protecting Our Patients: Immigrants

Presidential executive orders, signed and leaked, and harsh rhetoric aimed at immigrants are having a detrimental impact on immigrants in California.

- **Impact on Patients:** Fearing deportation, patients of community health centers are cancelling appointments and dis-enrolling in important public health programs like Medicaid.
- **Impact on Workforce:** Absenteeism among health center staff is increasing. The workforce crisis has been further exacerbated by the restrictive federal immigration policies.

Key Members of the Legislature

Sponsor Bill Advocacy

- Hernandez, Sen Health Chair
- Lara, Sen Appr Chair
- Wood, Asm Health Chair
- Gonzalez-Fletcher, Asm Appr Chair
- de Leon, Pro Temp
- Rendon, Speaker

Budget Advocacy

- Mitchell, Sen Chair Budget & Fiscal Review
- Ting, Asm Chair Budget
- Pan, Sen Chair Sub3
- Arambula, Asm Chair Sub1
- de Leon, Pro Tem
- Rendon, Speaker

Legislative Visit Coordination

Each visit should have a “Team Leader” a consortia representative, if applicable.

- *Advocates will provide one leave behind folder per district, which is given to the consortia who schedules the visit.*
- *There will be an opportunity immediately following the morning program to break into groups, discuss materials and delegate team leaders and/or speakers for each meeting.*

Advocates Member Folders will include:

- *Advocates Legislative Priorities and Talking Points and an Advocates State Profile*

Effective Legislative Visits

Plan to meet in front of your representatives office 10 minutes prior to your meeting time.

- Remember you have limited time with the member/staff
- Keep it local and personal
- Speak clearly and concisely
- NO election/fundraiser discussions
- Above all...be patient and flexible

Questions

Legislative Priorities

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