



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Health Care Webinar

Presented by the LWVNC Health Care League Action Team

19-March-2017

5:30-6:30

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions - Jim (5min.)
- Health Care 101: An educational overview - Angela (20min.)
 - ACA: Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)
 - AHCA: American Health Care Act (The new Republican House Plan)
- The Impact of the AHCA - Jim (10min.)
- Health Care League Action Team (HCLAT) - Jim (5min.)
- Communication and Advocacy - Mary (10min.)
- Q&A - All (10min.)



Welcome and Introductions - Jim (5min.)

- Welcome to this timely Webinar
 - Thank you for your attendance AND
 - For (at some point) expressing an interest in this very important topic
 - This is the first of a monthly meeting of the LWV HCLAT
- Introduction of today's speakers:
 - Jim Foster - Retired Cardiologist
 - Angela Johns - Cancer Nurse Practitioner
 - Mary Parry - Experienced Communications and Advocacy Coordinator
- Introduction of today's Webinar Facilitation:
 - Kim Moore - Webinar Facilitator
 - To keep Webinar to 1 hour we will mute everyone until the Q&A Portion of the Agenda.
 - **Problems during the webinar: Text Kim Moore @ 919-602-6272**



Health Care 101- Angela (20min.)

- An Educational Overview Presentation (See Angela's Presentation)



The Impact of the AHCA - Jim (10min.)

- Some additional Information regarding the AHCA (See Jim's Presentation)
- **HCLAT are concerned that AHCA is a step backwards for Coverage for All**
- Timings for the AHCA are fast and critical
 - March 13-17: CBO Scoring, House Budget and Rules Committee reviews
 - **March 19 Webinar**
 - March 20-24: Proposed House Floor Vote
 - March 27-31: Proposed Senate Floor Vote
 - April 10-14: US Congress Recess
- **The Time for Engagement and Action is now**



Health Care League Action Team - Jim (5min.)

- LWVNC League Action Teams are at the State League Level
- HCLAT is also connected to a broader Coalition: Health Action NC (HANC)
- HCLAT has been active the past several years
 - Currently 72 Members, Interest from >200 additional people
 - Currently Members from 10 of the 18 LWV local chapters
- HCLAT has been active the past several years...



Close the Gap, 2013-2016

- 70% of low income people (<100% FPL) in NC do not qualify for Medicaid, but do not make enough to qualify for ACA or AHCA subsidized insurance
- They are in the Medicaid Gap, and have no health care coverage at all
- Our Close the Gap project worked to influence NC to expand Medicaid, which would eliminate the Medicaid Gap.
- What we did:
 - Phone calls, postcards and letters to legislators
 - LTEs and Op eds
 - Meetings with legislators, including Lobby Days
 - Met with aide to President pro Tempore of the Senate, Phil Berger, and the health care aide to Tim Moore, Speaker of the House
 - Many talks around the state to educate the public about the need to expand Medicaid
 - Resolutions for expansion passed by county boards of commissioners and city councils

Health Care League Action Team - Jim (5min.)

➤ HCLAT 2017 Leaders:

- Jim Foster - Leader of the HCLAT
- Angela Johns - Leader of the HCLAT Education Committee
- Mary Parry - Leader of the HCLAT Communications Committee
- ??? - Leader of the HCLAT Advocacy Committee
- Other action team leaders include: Karen Bean (Charlotte), Kate Torrey, Janet Hoy, and Ellie Lawrence (ODC), Margaret Salinger (Piedmont Triad)

➤ Please Stay Engaged

- Stay involved with this League Action Team
- Take Action - as discussed in the next few slides



Communication - Mary (5min.)

- HCLAT will be sending frequent communications so that you can:
 - Keep Aware of Issues: sign up at <http://eepurl.com/bvw-wD>
 - Spread the word to others in your personal networks
 - Provide Feedback to National (and State) Representatives
- First Communication
 - Soon after this meeting
 - Google form to capture your skills and interests
- Next meeting of the HCLAT
 - April 2, 5:30-6:30



Advocacy - Mary (5min.)

- Protect and Expand Health Care Week of Advocacy (HANC Coalition Organizing- HCLAT will have a Group to facilitate our involvement)
 - March 29 (5:30pm-Dinner Provided) - Phone Banking
 - March 30 (6pm) and March 31 (Noon) - Lobby Day Overview Webinars
 - April 3 (2-3pm) - #HealthActionNC Twitter Town Hall
- April 4 - Lobby day at NC General Assembly
 - HCLAT will have a Group in attendance
 - 8:00 - 10:45 - Sign-in and Educational Advocacy Training
 - 10:45-3:00 - Visit with your legislators
- Stay Engaged!



Questions and Answers

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