National Single Payer Strategy Conference
Hilton Chicago
720 S. Michigan Ave

AGENDA

Friday, October 30th

2:30PM-4:30PM – Early Registration at the Hilton (Outside the Boulevard room, Hilton)

4:30PM-5:30PM – Single-payer rally targeting a healthcare profiteer (you will be informed of location and other details when you register)

6:00PM-7:00PM – Registration resumes (Outside the Boulevard room, Hilton)

7:00PM-8:00PM – Reception with live music from labor singer Anne Feeney (Outside the Boulevard room, Hilton)

8:00PM-9:00PM – Opening Plenary (Boulevard room, Hilton):
  • Greetings: Chicago Alderwoman Susan Sadlowski Garza
  • Opening Remarks: Jean Ross, Co-President National Nurses United
  • Keynote: Leo Gerard, President, United Steelworkers;
  • Respondents: Richard Gottfried, Chair of the NY State Assembly Health Committee; Claudia Fegan, MD, Physicians for a National Health Program; Speaker on behalf of Senator Bernie Sanders

Saturday, October 31st

9:00AM-10:30 AM – Chair: Donna Dewitt, President South Carolina ARA
Address: Representative Jim McDermott (D. WA)
Benjamin Day, Executive Director, Healthcare-NOW!; Mark Dudzic, National Coordinator, Labor Campaign for Single Payer Healthcare; Donna Smith, One Payer States; Michael Lighty, Director of Public Policy, California Nurses Association/National Nurses United.

Q&A and Discussion.

10:30AM-10:45AM – BREAK

10:45AM-11:45AM – First block of workshops:
  • Telling Your Healthcare Story
  • Workers Compensation & Healthcare Justice
  • New York: Behind the Breakthrough & Next Steps
  • Winning Support from the Business Community
• National Legislative Initiatives

11:45AM-1:00 PM – Lunch (Serve outside the Boulevard room, Hilton)

Interest Group Meetings

1:05PM-2:05PM – Second block of workshops:
• The Cadillac Tax and Attacks on Worker Healthcare Benefits
• Progress Report on State Single-Payer Campaigns
• When Your Legislator Says No
• Organizing Students and Youth for Healthcare Justice
• Two Lessons from the Most Successful Campaign in Modern History

2:15PM-3:15PM – Third block of workshops:
• Advancing Single Payer During the Election Season
• Healthcare is a Human Right
• Online Organizing for Single Payer Activists
• The ACA at 5 Years: Medicaid Expansion and Immigrant Inclusion
• LGBT Access to Healthcare: An Issue for All Single Payer Activists

3:15PM-3:30PM – BREAK

3:30PM-4:15PM – Chair: Dr. Paul Song, California Courage Campaign


5:25PM-5:30PM – Film preview: “FixIt” – a documentary on business & the single-payer movement (Boulevard room, Hilton)

Sunday, November 1st (All in the Boulevard room, Hilton)

9:00AM-9:15AM – Framing the Strategic Challenges & Opportunities for the Single-Payer Movement.

9:15AM-10:30AM – Small group strategy sessions to answer the “Framing Questions” of the conference.