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Federal Update

On Thursday the US Senate released their long-awaited version of a Healthcare Bill. While we are still reviewing this bill, it does propose large cuts to Medicaid and ends the mandate for health insurance. Currently we hear that at least 3 GOP senators are set to publically oppose this version of the bill. We will continue to monitor the situation and we hope to come up with a plan once things have settled. An article with more details on the Senate's Bill can be found [here](#).

Meeting Recap

The June 19th C4C meeting was well attended, despite other conflicts, and extremely productive! The entire group was engaged in meeting discussions and provided helpful guidance on activities for the Coalition moving forward. The agenda included the steering committee report, an outreach and activities report and special guests.

The steering committee report included ideas for funding and strategies for outreach in the future. We may explore the suggestion to develop a video telling the story of C4C and including stories of people in the coverage gap. **If you have stories to share please let us know.**

Regarding outreach, we continue to reach out to various individuals and organizations that are in support of closing the insurance gap. For example, we have talked with people representing the fishermen community as they represent the folks we are trying to help! Also, we have a diverse group of organizations, but would like to recruit more members from the business community, so let us know if you have ideas.

Becki Mann, the AHA National Team Lead, East, for Foundations joined our meeting and led a discussion on possible funding opportunities that would be a good fit for our work. Ms. Mann has extensive experience working with Foundations and is ready to help. We are all aware the work of the coalition is not finished, so we need to secure funding for another year as soon as possible.

Also, in attendance was Dr. Megan Pruette, a psychiatrist from Duke, who shared her experiences working with the uninsured. She told the group how she worked in the ER at Duke for four weeks before seeing a patient with insurance! Her remarks were insightful as her experiences confirmed the importance of our mission. It's always helpful to hear firsthand the impact being uninsured has on individuals and the health care system.

Care4Carolina Meetings

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 28, 2017 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Lunch will be served at 12:30 am and the Steering Committee will meet from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. Please note... We will not have a meeting in July!

A big thanks to all of you for your continuous support of the Coalition! Have a safe and fun summer and we will see you in August. We will continue to touch base through the newsletter, but feel free to contact Carla Obiol anytime if you have questions or need assistance. Carla.obiol@heart.org, 919-614-9657.

C4C TV AD

The [final TV clip](#) has been developed and will air on NC Spin this Sunday, June 24. The announcement talks about the excessive cost of uncompensated care in NC and refers the listener to the Care4Carolina website for more information on one's own county. We have placed the TV ad on the Care4Carolina website under the media tab for easy viewing. Thanks again to NCPHA for the media grant!