

West Virginians for Affordable Health Care

OPEN ENROLLMENT 2018

West Virginians for Affordable Health Care reminds everyone that Open Enrollment is under way! November 1 through December 15, 2018, West Virginians can sign up for their marketplace plans at www.healthcare.gov.

Many West Virginians think that coverage is too expensive, but what they do not know is there are tax credits available to help provide financial assistance. A single person earning \$47,080 or less, or a family of four earning \$97,000 or less can qualify. There are also cost saving subsidies available to help pay deductibles and out of pocket medical expenses.

Open enrollment is an important time even for those who are already enrolled. Plans and prices change every year, therefore West Virginians should research their options to make sure they have a plan that is right for

them. Open enrollment is November 1-December 15 and is the only time that you can apply for your 2019 coverage. It is important to note that Medicaid has no open enrollment period and you may apply at any time you feel you are eligible.

WVAHC urges West Virginians to talk to an insurance navigator who can help you to choose the plan that is best for you and your family and who can help you identify tax credits that you may qualify for. This is a free service. A full list of navigators is available on our website and facebook page or at the link below.

[Click here for West Virginia Health Care Enrollment Assisters.](#)

NOVEMBER 2018

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PAPER TIGERS

2018 MEDICAID SUMMIT

2018 ROUNDTABLE SERIES

STORY COLLECTION

MISSION

Our mission is to bring a consumer voice to public policy so that every West Virginian has quality, affordable health care and the opportunity to lead an informed, healthy and productive life.

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PAPER TIGERS

West Virginians for Affordable Health Care and TEAM for West Virginia Children, are sponsoring community viewings of the film Paper Tigers in Beckley and Hinton, WV.

The documentary traces a year in the life of six students from Lincoln Alternative High School in Walla Walla, Washington. The film captures the pain, danger, and hopes of teens struggling with Adverse Childhood Experiences and focuses on teens who have been the victims of trauma. The school radically changed its approach to disciplining its students by introducing a trauma care program. This resulted in less violence, drugs, and truancy at the school as well as a drastically increased graduation rate.

The film is particularly relevant as West Virginia struggles with an opioid epidemic. Children facing drugs, chronic poverty and abuse are attending school every day in West

Virginia with "stressed brains" that are unable to focus or learn. Trauma informed curriculum helps these student to better cope with stress at home and school.

The film will be shown at the Ritz Theatre in Hinton on November 15 from 6-8:30 pm and at The Raleigh Playhouse and Theatre in Beckley on November 20 from 6-8:30 pm. Following the film a panel of local experts will be on hand to discuss Adverse Childhood Experiences and tools to help children who are victims of childhood trauma. Entry to view the film is free thanks to a grant from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

For more information, contact Doris Selko, Executive Deputy Director, WVAHC at doris@wvahc.org. Please register at wvahc.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

11/15/18

STEERING/HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS MEETING

9AM-4:30PM

600 LEON SULLIVAN WAY-CHARLESTON TRADES BUILDING

12/12/18

MEDICAID COALITION MEETING

10AM-12PM

KANAWHA-CHARLESTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT

04/18/19

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6PM-9PM

CHARLESTON WOMEN'S CLUB

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL COMMUNITY FORUM: KEEPING THE VISION AND WORKING TOWARDS IT

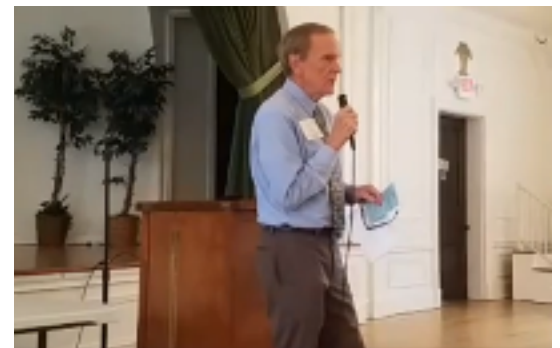
WVAHC hosted a Health Care for All Community Forum to explore how we arrived at our current U.S. health care coverage landscape and how we might move forward to provide every person in our country quality, affordable health care. More than 50 people came out to join the conversation on a rainy Sunday, October 14th, at the Charleston Women's Club. The Kanawha Valley Village People, the Fair Shake Network, and the West Virginia Citizens Action Group co-hosted the event.

Chris Plein, Professor of Public Administration at West Virginia University provided an overview of the current health care landscape in West Virginia. Sharon Carte, Former Executive Director of West Virginia's Children's Health Insurance Program, presented a history of incremental progress to get to our current health care coverage options. Dan Doyle, physician at New River Health Association and Cabin Creek Health Systems, laid out a vision of a single payer "Medicare for All" universal health care system (pictured to the right). Kat Stoll shared threats and opportunities to moving forward to expand access to affordable health care in the next couple years. Plein and Carte are members of the WVAHC's board of directors. Ms Stoll is WVAHC's Policy Director.

Several key take-aways from the afternoon

included the need for both a long-term vision and a road map for concrete steps to achieve that vision. Speakers agreed change is often incremental in our country and sometimes we take two steps forward and one step backward. The room recognized that Medicaid is a critical foundation for achieving our vision of universal, affordable health care. And the room recognized that we all have immediate work to do to protect that Medicaid foundation at the state and federal levels. At the same time, there are potential opportunities at the state level to build on Medicaid as well as the Affordable Care Act.

A video of the forum is posted on the WVAHC website: [View it now!](#)



FOX NEWS FEATURES A WEST VIRGINIA MEDICAID EXPANSION SUCCESS STORY

WVAHC believes that the real stories of West Virginians who rely on Medicaid is a key tool in our work to defend and strengthen this program that one-third of West Virginians use. Those who would cut funding for Medicaid or unravel the program often have enormous dollars for media messages, but we have the faces of family, friends and neighbors who need Medicaid. Through our West Virginia Together for Medicaid campaign, we are collecting new stories every day.

One such story was featured on the Bret Baier Special Report on Fox News on October 2. Thanks to the Medicaid Expansion, Mary was diagnosed and

successfully treated for breast cancer.

The experience has made her a health care voter who wants to help make sure other West Virginians have affordable health care and that Medicaid is not cut. See Mary on Fox News here:

https://video.foxnews.com/v/5843534777001/?playlist_id=930909819001#sp=show-clips

To share your story or tell us about someone who might share their story, contact Lara Foster (who goes by Foster), WVAHC Story Collection Coordinator, at foster@wvahc.org.

KID FRIENDLY CANDIDATE PLEDGE

West Virginians for Affordable Health Care and the Year of the Child Campaign would like to congratulate and thank our legislators who have taken the Kid Friendly Candidate Pledge. We look forward to working with you for the health and welfare of our state's children.

The Kid Friendly Candidate Pledge:

As a kid friendly candidate, I do solemnly pledge to: Keep Kid Safe, Keep Kids Healthy, Keep My Eyes and Office Door Open, Give Kids Hope, and Advocate for Kids! I publicly pledge, to the kids I'll represent in elected office, to prioritize their safety, their health, their thoughts and experiences, and their hopes for a better future. I commit to keeping my door open to them, and not only to engage them in civil discourse, but teach it to them, so to begin an early habit of active civic and community engagement.

Amy Nichole Grady	WV State Senate, District 4
Andrew Evans	WV House of Delegates, 28th District
Barbara Daniels	WV House of Delegates, 44th District
Bibi Hahn	WV House of a Delegates, 58th District
Brianne Solomon	WV House of Delegates, 14th District
Brooke Lunsford	WV State Senate, District 5
Carol Bailey	WV House of Delegates, District 27
Cody Thompson	WV House of Delegates, 43rd District
Cory Chase	WV House of Delegates, 53rd District
Daniel Lutz	US House of Representatives
Danielle Walker	WV House of Delegates, 51st District
David Elliott Pritt	WV House of Delegates, 32nd District
David Walker	House of Delegates 33rd District
Delegate Barbara Fleischauer	House of Delegates, 51st District
Delegate Bill Hartman	WV House of Delegates, 43rd District
Delegate Ed Evans	WV House of Delegates, 26th District
Delegate Mike Pushkin	WV House of Delegates, 37th District
Delegate Richard Iaquinta	WV House of Delegates, 48th District
Evan Hansen	WV House of Delegates, 51st District
Evan Worrell	WV House of Delegates, 18th District
Jeanette Rowsey	WV House of Delegates, 17th District
Jill Upson	WV House of Delegates, 65th District
Jim Marion	WV House of Delegates, 9th District
Lisa Zukoff	WV House of Delegates, 4th District
Margaret Staggers	WV House of Delegates, 32nd District
Mark Ross	WV House of Delegates, 19th District
Melvin Kessler	WV House of Delegates, 32nd District
Michael Angelucci	WV House of Delegates, 50th District
Renate Pore	WV House of Delegates, 35th District
Richard Ojeda	US House of Representatives
Richard Snuffer	WV House of Delegates, 31st District
Ron Stollings	WV State Senate, District 7
Senator David Sybolt	WV State Senate, District 14
Senator Joe Manchin	United State Senate
Senator Mark R. Maynard	WV State Senate, District 6
Senator Stephen Baldwin	WV State Senate, District 10
Senator Tom Takubo	WV State Senate, District 17
Talley Sergent	U.S. House of Representatives
Theresa Jackson	WV House of Delegates, 15th District
Vera Miller	WV House of Delegates, 16th District
Waymond Cork	WV State Senate, District 12
William "Bill" Wooten	WV State Senate, District 9
Sammi Brown	WV House of Delegates, 65th District

