**DAHU President Report 2021 September**

Jennifer Stanley

NAHU Legislative Council Region 6 Liaison

NAHU Employer Working Group

NAHU Employer Working Group Quality and Price

NAHU Task Force for Pharmacy

TAHU Legislative Council – Key Contacts

DAHU President

August 17, 2021 – **TAHU Board Meeting**

August 18, 2021

* **Region VI Team Meeting**
  + Propose to State and Local Chairs join the Region VI call.
* Talked to Yun Chalif, BenefitMall
  + Candid feedback: DAHU did a great job of pulling her in at association events
  + Get young blood, change it up
  + Talk to Scott Long, Doris Waller, Brett Brummett
* **Employer Working Group Call**
  + Andrew Biernat – *Positive Focus*
    - Begin each meeting with something positive to put us all in the right mindset
  + What can we do as a group that can have a high impact?

August 19, 2021 – **DAHU Carolyn Goodwin Legislative Forum**

August 20, 2021

* [**NAHU Recording**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtjByr1KdOw)
* **Goodwin Memorial –** [Mary Lou Hudman](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZF4cG8JSsMs) and [Pat Wilder](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n6HZHqM_dQA)

August 22, 2021

* Vanguard 🡪 DAHU / NAIFA-Dallas Social
* Key Contacts 🡪 Emailed Meroneys re Surprise Billing blurb

August 25, 2021

* **TAHU Chapter Legislative Call**
* DAHU Scott Wham Link email

August 26, 2021

* **NAHU Quality and Price Working Group**
  + Addresses telemedicine, transparency
  + Currently trying to find some price and quality tools across the states
  + Pharmaceuticals and drug pricing provisions
  + Social Determinants of Health – KFF

September 1, 2021

* **TAHU Legislative Council**
  + Surprise Billing
    - *Media Message*
      * There were two main objectives:
        + Keep the consumer out of the battle
        + Incentivize carriers and providers to
    - *NAHU Message*

September 2, 2021

* **Region VI Legislative Call**
  + Washington Update
    - Medicaid Expansion
      * Bridging the gap in the states that did not expand
      * Medicaid “buy in” – Public Option
    - FMLA Leave Extension
    - Extending the Exchange Subsidies in ARPA
  + Arkansas
  + Louisiana – Leslie
    - Looking to do away with state continuation
  + Oklahoma – Connie
    - PBM
  + Missouri
  + Kansas
  + Texas – Angela
    - Surprise Billing Report
    - We need to get NAHU our data and suggestions ASAP
* **NAHU Task Force to Lower Rx Costs**
  + Committee to compare state legislation
  + Review the NAIC Model Rule

September 3, 2021

* Requested membership rosters from NAHU for the State
* Cleaning up for Key Contacts and coordination with PAC

September 7, 2021 – **NAHU Legislative Council Meeting**

* Debbie Stocks – Media Malitia
* Nathan Makla – HUPAC
  + Requested a list of all TAHU contributors
* Team forming between Leg and Media.
  + We do too much with too little awareness.

September 9, 2021 – **Surprise Billing Huddle**

* Angela, Carla, Meroneys
* Key Contact Kick-Off

September 10, 2021 – **Region VI Call**

* Awards – Cindy Dixon
  + National Call on 9.09
  + Hyperlink newsletter sent to all board members, state & local
  + Incorporate education videos
* Legislative Update – Jennifer Stanley
  + Figure out how to get with State Leg
  + Key contacts in Texas
  + Compliance Corner Webinar on 9.09.21 was disappointing
    - Document and send that feedback up the chain
* Oklahoma – Michael Stephens
* Texas – Nedra Clingan
  + DATC January 26
  + Key Contacts Push
  + 2nd Annual Medicare Summit – virtual – February
* Can TAHU Leg Chairs join the Region VI Legislative Call?
* Can Media join the Region VI Legislative Call?

September 11-14, 2021

Email to NAHU regarding call consolidation.

Email to Chapter Leg Chairs regarding Key Contacts

* DAHU website review with Pat Pattison
  + Trustees, TAHU Pac, Leg Ladies, Communications
* Newsletter submissions
  + President’s Message – ROI including Transparency delays
  + Legislative Day Wrap-Up
  + Texas Political Update
  + Surprise Billing summary
  + Medicare Minute – Houston Chronical article
  + NAIFA social
  + Taylor’s baby boy
  + New and old members

July 12-18, 2021 – Key Contacts

* Connect Convention Attendees with local officials for personal invitation to the TAHU Pac Lunch on July 20

August 3, 2021 – NAHU Legislative Council

* Sponsorship and Membership Outreach

August 5, 2021 – Region VI

* + Kansas
  + Missouri – Andrea
  + HB 273
  + New vaccine incentive
  + Supreme Court Decision on Medicaid
    - Funds not appropriated for expansion
  + Oklahoma – Connie Morgan
  + Session ended in May
  + HB 821
  + Medicaid battle
  + Arkansas
  + Texas – Shannon Meroney, Halee Johnson, Carla Adams, Sharon Alt, Doris Waller
  + Communicating the changes to the licensing HB 4030
  + TDI 6-month report on high-low arbitration process
  + Louisiana – Jack Hubernick, David Charpentier

Broker Disclosures

August 5, 2021 – NAHU Prescription Task Force

* Rebate Rule Moratorium
  + Nothing that was going to require PBMs to lower costs
  + Rebates play a big role in keeping costs down on Medicare and GHP
* <https://www.nashp.org/prescription-drug-pricing-transparency-law-comparison-chart/>

August 11, 2021 – TAHU Legislative Council

* Key Contacts – Quarterly Touch with the Surprise Billing

**TO DO:**

* Make calls for DAHU events
* Newsletter
  + Blurb on e-filing threshold for article
  + ROI
    - Social? Happy hours, lunch
    - LPRT – discounts on CE, top of the list on Agent searches
    - Busy body
    - Best Practices
  + Promote upcoming events
* Key Contacts
  + Talking Points
    - Surprise Billing Report
  + Excel Clean-up by Chapter
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  + Broker Compensation Disclosure – Why???
    - One person had an interview with ProPublica brought in the SENATE HELP Committee
    - <https://www.propublica.org/article/health-insurance-brokers-cost-commissions-bonuses>
    - Against Provider Consolidation, mergers of providers, etc – HHS Bucerra