

Dear TCCN Members,

Please plan to join us for TCCN's Day on the Hill on Tuesday, March 5th at the Cordell Hull Building in Nashville. We'll meet up at 8:00 am CST in Conference Room A on the 8th floor (take a left off the elevator). We'll have coffee, a light breakfast, talking points and fact sheets to share. We have this room until 10:30 am. From 11:30 am – 2:30 pm we have House Conference Room 5A reserved on the 5th floor – lunch will be served around 11:30 am. We will also set up a table (outside of the cafeteria on the 1st floor) where we can gather and connect in between visits. Our Hill Day Round-Up sheet from last year is attached for your review – you can also access it here:

<http://bit.ly/hdru2018> it was a terrific day!

Key Next Steps:

1. Please RSVP to this invitation - accept or decline so I know your plans. Please indicate the number in your party and whether the entire group can join us for lunch that day. Details on parking and room locations are coming soon.
2. Make appointments with your representatives. I have attached a legislative directory (TCCN Members and District Representatives), that lists the legislators within your service area, which is larger than your physical location - you can also access the document here: <http://bit.ly/legdir2019>. Please communicate with all legislators who represent your patient population. If you have additional questions about how to contact them, visit this website: <http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/>.
3. If there are multiple clinics in your area (see attached excel file: Senators and House Representatives and TCCN Clinics, or access it here: <http://bit.ly/sharedlegis>), please consider coordinating your visits with them. Legislators have very tight schedules, and having a visit with representatives from several clinics can be very impactful!
4. If you are unable to join us for the Day on the Hill, please communicate with your legislators about the importance of increasing the Safety Net Grant Fund. We will be sending you sample letters and talking points next week.

If you need help scheduling your visits, please let me know as soon as possible. Ideally visits should be scheduled by February 26.

Even if your program doesn't accept or receive Safety Net Funds, please make time to tell your legislators about the important services your team provides their constituents. Our legislators need to hear stories about the people that you serve so they understand the tremendous difference your work makes in their constituents' lives. Help TCCN build this crucial awareness and understanding – be part of TCCN's Hill Day!

A separate advocacy opportunity: TennCare Work Reporting Requirements – Federal Comment Period until February 7, 2019! (see attached one-pager or access it here:

<http://bit.ly/tenncarewr2019>)

TCCN's Public Policy Committee and Board of Directors has taken a stance in opposition to the imposition of TennCare Work Reporting Requirements. Please register your opposition to further disadvantaging an already disadvantaged population by completing this 3 minute survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tenncaresurvey>

Thank you for all you do – your advocacy makes a difference for vulnerable Tennesseans.

Blessings, Mary

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