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SAVE THE DATE FOR JANUARY CCMU MEMBER MEETING

CCMU's January Member Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 19 at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at 4300 Cherry Creek Drive, South.

Members are encouraged to gather at 3:00 p.m. for light refreshments with time for networking. The program will begin at 3:30 p.m. and adjourn by 5:00 p.m.

The January program will feature a presentation by the Office of Health Disparities which will include time for questions and answers.

If you plan to attend the member meeting, please RSVP by calling 303-832-7727 or e-mailing babsherself@juno.com.

CCMU POLICY COMMITTEE UP AND RUNNING

CCMU's Policy Committee is getting ready to work during the 2005 Legislative Session. Committee members will join in thoughtful review of legislative proposals, engage in what will no doubt be lively discussion, and determine positions on proposals of interest to our members. Vacancies exist for a few additional committee members who should plan to meet every other Tuesday from 8:15 – 9:15 a.m. at 13th and Pennsylvania near the Capitol. For more information or to become involved in the committee, call committee chair Debbie Welle-Powell at 303-425-8602.

MARCH MEMBER MEETING TO FOCUS ON LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

It's not too early to also mark your calendar for CCMU's **March Member Meeting** which will focus on the **Legislative Agenda**. This meeting is our opportunity to put policy into practice as we meet at the State Capitol to look, listen and learn as the legislative process unfolds around us. We have created opportunities for you to meet with your elected officials both during the meeting from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and at an informal reception to be held from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at The Colorado Trust, 1600 Sherman, just a block from the capitol. Make note of this opportunity set for Wednesday, March 30 and invite your elected representatives and senators to join you for a conversation about the policy needs of Colorado's medically uninsured populations.

UPDATE FOLLOWING PASSAGE OF AMENDMENT 35

With the overwhelming support of voters, CCMU is now working with a coalition of agencies to assure that the proposals within Amendment 35 are turned into reality for the many groups working with the medically underserved.

This coalition of agencies is focusing on four areas of the legislation: Smoking Cessation Programs; Disease Prevention and Treatment; Community Health Centers; and Medicaid and CHP. CCMU staff, board members, and member agencies are well represented on all four of the working groups.

YOUR COALITION IS ALIVE IN 2005!

Please get out your Palm, Blueberry, Blackberry, notepad, dance schedule, wall calendar or other organizational device and make note of the CCMU 2005 calendar. All events will occur as scheduled unless you hear otherwise, so plan now to participate.

The CCMU Executive Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month at the offices of Board President Dr. Gary VanderArk.

The CCMU Board of Directors meets the first Thursday of each month at the law offices of Faegre & Benson.

The CCMU Policy Committee begins meeting on January 11 and meets every other week through mid-May.

Member Meetings are scheduled for every other month during 2005 beginning with January 19 and March 30. In the opposite months, CCMU members receive an electronic newsletter.

For more information on any of these events, contact the CCMU office at 303-832-7727.

CCMU Office

The CCMU office continues to be open on a regular basis at 1600 Sherman St. in Denver, inside Central Presbyterian Church. Calls to CCMU at 303-832-7727 will likely be answered by a staff member or volunteer. Additional volunteers are needed to help answer the telephone and to create a display/bulletin board featuring current events in health care for the uninsured to add to the church mission display for all to see. Call the office at 303-832-7727 if you are interested in assisting with any of our office needs.

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