



## **MSS Cover the Uninsured Events 2008**

### **Rush University Medical College**

Presidential Candidates 2008

Jan. 29, 2008

Medical students organized a Presidential Candidates Panel to educate medical students about the major presidential candidates' health plans. A group of students researched each of the candidate's health policy platforms and presented these platforms to more than 150 of their fellow students in attendance.

### **Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine**

NEOUCOM/Open M Free Clinic Health Fair

February 19, 2008

Medical students organized a health fair at a local free clinic. More than forty medical student and other volunteers provided information to fairgoers on various health topics such as diabetes, nutrition, and physical activity. Volunteers also provided blood glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure, and BMI screenings, and a physician was on hand to speak to fairgoers about their screening results.

### **University of Cincinnati College of Medicine**

Presentation of Presidential Candidates' Positions on Health Care

March 3, 2008

Medical students organized a lunch event in the days leading up to the Ohio Primary to provide students with information about and to allow students to discuss the Presidential candidates' positions on health care.

### **University of Toledo College of Medicine**

Caring for the Underserved; Covering the Uninsured

March 17, 2008

Medical students organized a lunch seminar on the issue of the uninsured featuring AMA President Dr. Ron Davis.

### **Indiana University School of Medicine**

Bloomington Community Health Fair

March 22, 2008

Medical students organized a health fair at a local library. In addition to providing information about health eating, exercise, and other health topics, students provided fairgoers with free blood glucose and blood pressure screenings and height and weight measurements.

### **Emory, Morehouse, Medical College of Georgia, and Mercer**

Faces of the Uninsured

March 25, 2008

Students from medical schools across Georgia designed posters depicting the "faces of the uninsured" and telling stories of the uninsured. These posters were displayed at a large candlelight vigil held at a County hospital near the State Capitol.

### **University of Vermont School of Medicine**

AMA Lecture Series - Government and Health care

March 26, 2008

Part 3 of 3 of a lecture series which aims to spark an interest in students about the system of medicine, and the impact students have. Executives from Fletcher Allen Health Center to present "The System of Medicine".

### **University of Massachusetts Medical School**

March 29, 2008

Medical students organized a series of lectures to address the importance of joining the AMA and to inform students of opportunities for involvement within the AMA. One such lecture addressed the AMA-MSS National Service Project (Covering the Uninsured and Protecting Access to Care) and encourage student participation with the student-run free clinic and in enrolling eligible individuals in free and low-cost public health insurance programs.

### **George Washington University School of Medicine/ Howard University College of Medicine**

Lobby Day Reception: Bowl for the Uninsured

March 30, 2008

Medical students from two Washington, D.C., medical schools organized a informational and social event for MSS/RFS Lobby Day attendees. In addition to providing a venue for state delegations to meet prior to their meetings with members of Congress, the event included information on the AMA Voice for the Uninsured Campaign as well as speakers who addressed the issue of access to care.

### **Jefferson Medical College**

Health Fair

April 4, 2008

Medical students organized a health fair at a shopping center near a busy subway station. Students set up tables and distributed information on topics such as smoking cessation, diabetes, cancer, STDs, nutrition, exercise, literacy, and free and low-cost health insurance options, such as SCHIP. Physicians were on hand to answer any questions and provide blood pressure and blood glucose screenings.

### **University of Mississippi School of Medicine**

Volunteer Day at the Jackson Free Clinic

April 5, 2008

Medical students organized a "volunteer day" at a local student-run free clinic.

### **Michigan State University College of Human Medicine**

Run for Access to Care for Everyone

April 6, 2008

Medical students organized a 5K funrun/race to promote health lifestyles, raise awareness about the uninsured, and promote the goal of access to care for everyone. Proceeds were donated to a local student-run free clinic.

### **Eastern Virginia Medical School**

Community Care Day

April 7, 2008

Medical students organized a health fair for the general public at which they provided free health screenings and information on nutrition. Students also distributed information on free health clinics and on free and low cost health insurance options for the uninsured, including FAMIS, Virginia's SCHIP.

### **Loma Linda University School of Medicine**

LLU-AMA Week of Education

April 7, 2008

Medical students organized an entire week of lunchtime educational sessions on med education tuition costs, 20/220 bill, debt management and a visit to California Congressman Jerry Lewis' office to discuss health care problems on local, state, and national levels.

### **University of Missouri School of Medicine**

Statewide Lobby Day

April 8, 2008

### **SUNY Upstate Medical University**

Cover the Uninsured Week

April 10, 2008

Medical students organized a series of events for Cover the Uninsured Week. The week kicked off with a multi-location health fair addressing chronic disease screening and education for the uninsured and medically underserved. Other events included a lecture on the issue of the uninsured and suggestions for reform as well as an SCHIP enrollment fair at a local middle school.

### **University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Duke University School of Medicine, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, and Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University**

Access to Care - Forum on Student-Run Clinics

April 12, 2008

Medical students from all four North Carolina medical schools organized a forum on student-run clinics. Speakers included medical student leaders of student-run clinics and faculty members who help with student-run clinic initiatives.

**Loma Linda University School of Medicine**

2nd Annual Silent Auction & Gala Fundraiser

April 13, 2008

Medical students organized a fundraising event that included a silent auction, dinner, and a concert. The issue of the uninsured was presented to attendees through the inclusion at each table of stories about uninsured individuals. Proceeds from the event were donated to Loma Linda's student-run free clinic.

**Albert Einstein College of Medicine**

SCHIP Enrollment and Education Fair

April 13 2008

Medical students organized an SCHIP enrollment and education fair at a local supermarket. In addition to providing information to parents about available insurance options, the fair provided entertainment for waiting children in the form of games and various arts and crafts activities.

**Ohio State University**

Physician's Free Clinic 5K Fun Run

April 13, 2008

Medical students organized a 5K fun run/race with proceeds going to their Physician's Free Clinic (PFC). They also held a health screening fair.

**Wayne State University School of Medicine**

AMA Proposal for Healthcare Reform

April 16, 2008

Medical students organized a lunch seminar featuring AMA President Dr. Ron Davis. Dr. Davis presented the AMA proposal for health care reform and answered student questions.

**University of Louisville School of Medicine**

"Hear and Gather" (Benefit Concert for Free Clinics)

April 18, 2008

Medical students organized a benefit concert for two student-run free clinics that provide health care for the uninsured.

**Alpert Medical School of Brown University**

Health Care Reform Discussion

April 18, 2008

Medical students organized lunch and dinner lectures featuring a speaker from the Rhode Island Medical Society, who addressed issues of health care reform and how various proposed reforms will impact physicians and the practice of medicine.

**Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine**

Rogers Park Community Wellness Fair

April 19, 2008

Medical students organized a community health fair focused on primary prevention in the community. Health fair "stations" included healthy cooking demonstrations, small-group stress relief/relaxation exercises, discussions and demonstrations of simple physical activity, and discussions of the importance of good nutrition and oral health.

**University at Buffalo School of Medicine**

Cover the Uninsured Week Lecture Series

April 21, 2008

Medical students organized a series of lectures on the uninsured. Speakers included local physicians, health insurance experts, hospital administrators, and representatives from local free clinics that provide health care for the uninsured.

**Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University**

Cover the Uninsured Week

April 21, 2008

Medical students organized a series of lectures, seminars, and a movie screening for Cover the Uninsured Week. Lecture/seminar topics included the AMA Proposal for Health Care Reform (presented by an AMA Trustee), health insurance options available in North Carolina, and a debate on the presidential candidates' health care plans.

**University of Toledo College of Medicine**

Presidential Candidate Healthcare Platforms and Potential Impacts on Careers in Medicine

April 24, 2008

Medical students organized a lunchtime forum to discuss the presidential candidates' health care plans and how the plans could impact the practice of medicine. Speakers included physicians and attorneys with expertise in health policy issues. Specific issues addressed included physician reimbursement, medical liability reform, Medicare payment reform, uninsured/access to care, education and research funding, and patient safety.

**Temple University School of Medicine**

Elementary School Outreach

April 25, 2008

Medical students visited a local elementary school, where they set up booths and gave educational talks to students. Using interactive games and exercise, elementary school students were informed about free and low-cost health insurance programs (e.g. SCHIP) and a number of health issues such as bicycle safety, sunscreen use, the dangers of alcohol use, and the importance of exercise.

**University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine**

AMA Cover the Uninsured

April 25, 2008

Medical students hosted a dinner lecture on the state of health care reform and the AMA's proposal for health care reform. The lecture was followed by a discussion of the AMA proposal and other alternatives to expand access to care.

**University of Oklahoma College of Medicine**

OU Community Health Alliance - Bridges to Access

April 25, 2008

Medical students organized a forum to address the health care issues of the uninsured and underinsured in the Oklahoma City community and to erect bridges of communication between various aspects of the community. The forum included speakers from local free clinics, community leaders, medical school faculty and administration, and student representatives from the various health professions at the University of Oklahoma.

**University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences**

AMA Health Education Fair

April 28, 2008

Medical students conducted health fairs for fourth and fifth graders at two public schools. The fairs addressed issues such as healthy lifestyles and habits, safety, and covering the uninsured. Health fair activities included interactive games, as well as handouts for parents to enable the promotion of healthy habits at home. Students also provided information to parents on SCHIP coverage for their children.

**University of Miami Miler School of Medicine**

Cover the Uninsured Week

April 29, 2008

Medical students organized a weeklong campaign addressing the issue of the uninsured. A series of lectures addressed such topics as how physicians can route uninsured patients to available resources and how physicians can successfully run a practice that sees mostly Medicaid and uninsured patients. Students also set up a booth near a public transportation hub and provided information about free and low-cost health insurance options like SCHIP.

**University of Toledo College of Medicine**

Cover the Uninsured Week Health Screen

April 29, 2008

Medical students organized a health screening at a local YWCA. Held in conjunction with AMWA and AMSA, the event provided free screening for hypertension, diabetes, and BMI.

### **Mayo Medical School**

Lecture on Expanding Health Insurance Coverage

April 29, 2008

Medical students organized a lecture by Glen Forbes, the CEO of the Mayo Clinic, who spoke about his experience with Healthy Minnesota 2010. Healthy Minnesota 2010 aims to ensure that all Minnesota residents have insurance coverage by 2010, reform the payment system and strengthen coordination of care, and strengthen the public health system in Minnesota.

### **Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine**

Health Care Reform Debate

May 1, 2008

Medical students hosted a debate/panel discussion. An AMA Board member discussed the AMA proposal for health care reform, and a representative from the Single Payer Action Network (SPAN) discussed the SPAN proposal.

### **University of Alabama School of Medicine**

Cover the Uninsured Week Rally and Lecture

May 1, 2008

Medical students organized a rally at the local county hospital to raise awareness about the issue of the uninsured. The rally was followed by a debate on health policy between representatives of the presidential candidates.

### **Southern Illinois University School of Medicine**

Cover the Uninsured Community Health Fair

May 3, 2008

Medical students organized a health fair at a local church. In addition to offering various health screenings, students distributed information about free and low-cost health insurance options such as Medicaid, SCHIP, and Medicare.

### **University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine**

Cover the Uninsured Week

May 7, 2008

Medical students organized and hosted a series of lunchtime talks to take place each day during Cover the Uninsured Week. Topics included "Patient Assistance Programs: Prescription Drugs and the Uninsured," "Cover All Pennsylvanians: The Governor's Health Care Proposal," and "Healthcare for All PA." A Dutch auction, selling services and goods donated by students and faculty, raised money for the Birmingham Clinic, a local clinic that serves uninsured patients.

### **University of Washington School of Medicine**

Latina Health Fair – Basic Health Screening

May 17, 2008

Medical students participated in a community-based health fair designed to reach women who lack health insurance or access to health care services. In addition to providing basic health screening services such as BMI, vision, and hearing, students provided information on healthy lifestyles and establishing regular care with a health care provider.