**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