executivebulletin

December 13, 2021

- TO: Hospital Executive Staff WVHA Member Hospitals and Health Systems
- **FROM:** Tony Gregory Vice President, Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR HOSPITAL ADVOCACY WEEK, 2022

Registration is now open for Hospital Advocacy Week 2022 scheduled for February 7-11. The week will include a Health Care Providers Legislative Reception on Wednesday, February 9 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and a Hospital Day at the Legislature Breakfast will be Thursday, February 10. Both events will be held at the West Virginia Culture Center.

In addition to the events noted above, there will be a series of virtual sessions that will take place throughout the week. These virtual sessions will include both state and federal guest speakers. We understand that you may be unable to attend every session but encourage you to attend as many as possible.

Hospital Day Exhibits Are Back!!

We are happy to announce that exhibits are allowed back for the 2022 legislative session. The WVHA has reserved the Senate area of the Upper Rotunda for our Hospital Day exhibits on Thursday, February 10. We hope that your hospital will choose to exhibit on this day. Exhibits offering hospital information and health screenings such as spirometry screenings, glucose monitoring, cholesterol screenings, blood pressure checks, diabetes education and nutritional education are particularly popular with legislators, as well as citizens visiting the Capitol.

Planning for Hospital Day

To ensure all activities run smoothly, we are once again requesting each hospital follow a few suggestions in planning for the week:

- As soon as possible, please announce the event to those most likely to attend.
- Plan to bring at least 10-15 people to the Capitol, including doctors, nurses, hospital auxiliary, volunteers, clinicians, and anyone else having a vested interest in advocacy activities of the WVHA.
- Designate a team leader to serve as the liaison between the hospital and WVHA.

- Team leaders are responsible for 1) organizing their hospital's group of participants, 2) scheduling appointments with legislators, and 3) being the on-site contact for their hospital's group.
- To register, please click <u>here</u>: Deadline for registrations is Friday, February 4, 2022.

Key WVHA Messages

To assist in your meetings with legislators, please find attached our <u>2022 State</u> <u>Legislative Agenda</u>. You'll note several issues of importance to WVHA and the hospital community that we'll be advocating for during the upcoming session.

Hotel Room Block Information

WVHA has a room block at the Charleston Marriott Town Center for *Hospital Day* participants for the evening of Wednesday, February 9. Attendees should make reservations directly with the hotel by calling (304) 345-6500. When calling for reservations mention that you are with the West Virginia Hospital Association to receive the discounted rate of \$113. The **room block cut-off is Wednesday**, **January 26**, **2022**. If you have difficulty in making hotel arrangements, please contact <u>Kathy</u> <u>Watts</u> or (304) 353-9723.

Charleston Marriott Town Center 200 Lee Street East Charleston, WV 25301

For any questions regarding Hospital Advocacy Week activities, please contact Tina Rymer at (304) 353-9717 or by email at trymer@wvha.org.

TG/tlr