

2006 FAH Annual Public Policy Conference And Business Exposition

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Approximately 1400 attendees representing hospital management companies, group purchasing organizations, IDNs and hospital supplier companies gathered in early March in Washington, DC, for the 2006 Annual Public Policy and Business Exposition of the Federation of American Hospitals.

The meeting began with a keynote address by Newt Gingrich, Former Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Founder, Center for Health Transformation, and Chairman, The Gingrich Group.

During Tuesday morning's plenary session, we heard from two Senators who are both highly involved with health care issues: U.S. Senator John Ensign (R-NV) and U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY). Senators Ensign and Clinton are both members of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, as well as numerous other committees.

We also heard from Allan Hubbard, Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Director, White House National Economic Council. Mr. Hubbard is a shaper of health policy in Washington, DC. Additional plenary session speakers included Dr. Julie Gerberding, Director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Gerberding is also the Administrator for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and is an expert in infectious disease. The session concluded with Tom Donohue, President and CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Donohue is the leading face and voice of business in Washington, DC, as well as in the United States. Mr. Donohue has taken many stands on health care issues and has supported our nation's hospitals.

The closing breakfast featured CMS Administrator Mark B. McClellan, MD, PHD. Dr. McClellan discussed several key regulatory issues of interest to our industry.

And, as always, throughout the meeting, the Federations Business Exposition served as an invaluable forum for hospital executives and buyers to meet face-to-face with suppliers and to network with both current and potential customers.

Clearly, for many reasons, it was a compelling time to be in Washington. We hope that you found our annual conference to be informative, productive and entertaining, and we look forward to seeing you again in 2007.

The 2007 FAH Annual Public Policy Conference and Business Exposition is scheduled for March 4-7, 2007, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. For further information, please contact Bonnie Moneypenny at (501) 661-9555 or by email at bmoneypenny@fah.org.

