



2010 FAH PUBLIC POLICY CONFERENCE AND BUSINESS EXPOSITION HIGHLIGHTS

February 28 – March 2, 2010 . . . Marriott Wardman Park Hotel . . . Washington, D.C.

Nearly 1,400 attendees representing hospital management companies, Group Purchasing Organizations (GPOs), Integrated Delivery Networks (IDNs), and hospital supplier companies gathered in early March in Washington, D.C., for the Federation of American Hospitals' 2010 Public Policy Conference and Business Exposition.

On Monday, March 1, the meeting began with an entertaining and topical keynote address from actor/author/commentator/economist Ben Stein. Mr. Stein was followed by David Blumenthal, M.D., the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, who gave an overview of the government's efforts to spur the adoption and dissemination of electronic health records. The Monday morning session also recognized Darrel Mogilles, Assistant Vice President, HealthTrust Purchasing Group, as the recipient of the FAH's 2010 Corris Boyd Leadership and Diversity Award.

During Tuesday morning's plenary session, we heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, who noted that the FAH has "great credibility" when speaking for health reform; and Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD), the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, who said that the FAH was "at the forefront of reform." Senator Bob Corker (R-TN), Senator Ben Nelson (D-NE), and Senator Evan Bayh (D-IN) also spoke during Tuesday morning's plenary session.

As always, throughout the meeting, the FAH 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 2011.

The 2011 FAH Public Policy Conference and Business Exposition is scheduled for February 27 – March 1, 2011, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. For further information, please contact Bonnie Money Penny at (501) 661-9555 or by email at bmoneypenny@fah.org.