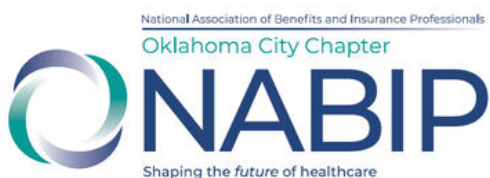


May 2024



We would like to honor the memory of those who have given their lives for our great country. We hope your Memorial Holiday was spent in warm reflection and enjoyed with family.

## A word from our President

I hope this letter finds everyone rested and maybe a little sunburned after the Memorial Day Weekend. It's hard to believe that we are coming to end of my term as your Chapter President. This year has been an exciting experience and an honor.

We have been gearing up for next year and will be voting in our new board at the June meeting as well as thanking those who helped this year. Please put June 13th on your calendar this month. We will also have a fun hour of Ethics CE...you read that right, I used FUN and ETHICS in the same sentence.

There is still an open chair on the board for 1st Vice President – this position will primarily be shadowing, learning and assisting in the line of succession. Don't panic, this would allow you 2 years of engagement before becoming the President. Even then, you would have the Past Presidents and Executive Director to guide you. If you are interested in stepping into this position, please let someone on the board know. There is always room to help with our committees and everyone is welcome.

We are always on the search for new members, the more people we have, the stronger our chapter. Remember, when you invite someone, their first lunch is free. If you need help explaining to someone, why NABIP, we have marketing material to assist you. Don't forget – June 13th at 11:30 for FUN Ethics CE, board installation for OKC and Tulsa, as well as presenting the Traveling Trophy, NABIP OKC's Person of the Year and the Oklahoma Health Underwriter of the Year. It will be an exciting jam packed event! Thank you for being a part of NABIP and NABIP Oklahoma City. I look forward to seeing you next month.

## Featured:

- New board members will be announced at our next meeting: June 13, 2024
- Come join us for ETHICS fun CE games
- All meetings are held at The Greens Country Club at 13100 Green Valley Drive OKC, OK 73120
- Legislative Updates
- How you can get involved
- OK Kids Korral
- Upcoming events
- Special Announcement from our *new* sponsor OU Health!
- Thank you to our Sponsors

At NABIP OKC, a non-profit organization, we believe that every American should have access to private sector health solutions for health, financial, retirement security, and the services of insurance professionals. With that intent, it is our mission to educate, advocate and empower. Please enjoy this monthly newsletter-feel free to share it!



# June Meeting

**\*\*IN PERSON ONLY. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED - PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE\*\***

One hour of CE (Ethics) via interactive game, Board Installation & Award Meeting - IN PERSON!

Please join us for a couple hours of R&R, some lunch, an hour of CE, and a little bit of business.

We have a fun, dynamic, hard-working Board! Please attend the June meeting to show them your support! They plan the meetings, recruit speakers, arrange meeting space and food, stay on top of new legislation and news, and MORE, all to support our industry and YOU!! We will begin with a fun game that will earn participants one (1) hour of Ethics CE. Feeling a little competitive? Yes? No? No matter, a good time will be had by all!

Also, it's not too late to join a committee - the Committee Chair would love to have you! Some of our great committees include: Professional Development, Media, Legislative, Public Service, Membership/Retention, and more. If you would like more information on any committee, please reach out. Let us know if you are interested! The winner of the NABIP Oklahoma City Health Insurance Person of the Year, and the NABIP State Health Underwriter of the Year for 2023-2024 will be announced as well!

Don't miss this great meeting. Register now!

11:30am-2pm

The Greens Country Club

June 13, 2024



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# NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The 2024-25 NABIP Oklahoma City board nominees are listed below. If you have any objections or concerns, please contact a current board member. If you are interested in serving on the board in any capacity, please reach out to any board member or Jodi Cooper at 405-615-3363 or [jcooper@uflic.com](mailto:jcooper@uflic.com). Thank you for your continued support of NABIP Oklahoma City Chapter!

**As required per ByLaws: 5 Officers, 6 Directors, 5 Standing Committees and Other Committees:**

**Officers:**

- President Jodi Cooper
- President Elect Dana Nursick
- Vice President vacant
- Immediate Past- President Theresa Clagg
- Secretary Sofia McGrand
- Treasurer Sherry Richey

**Directors/votes:**

- Diane Barton-Lewis
- Jimmy Jenkins
- Kelley Harmon
- Carrie Cox
- Kemp Cole
- Ashley Goggans
- Michael Weller

**Other essential Board positions:**

- Awards Theresa Clagg
- Marketing/Comm/Website Ashley Goggans
- Annual Partners Kim Arnold
- Professional Development Carrie Cox
- Executive Director Leah-Anne Janway
- HUPAC Diane Barton-Lewis
- Legislative Kelley Harmon
- Media Leah-Anne Janaway
- Membership/Retention Corinne Henyan
- Public Service Dana Nursick
- DEIB Jimmy Jenkins
- Hospitality Jana Pitt
- Newsletter Ashley Goggans, Marche Ashford, Sofia McGrand



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# Legislative UPDATES



THE MEMBERS OF NABIP WORK ON A DAILY BASIS TO HELP MILLIONS OF INDIVIDUALS AND EMPLOYERS PURCHASE, ADMINISTER AND UTILIZE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE. HERE ARE THE LATEST LEGISLATION UPDATES.

- **MEDICARE ADVANTAGE BROKER – PRESSING HOUSE APPROPRIATORS TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE ASKING CMS TO WITHDRAW THE RULE THAT WAS BASED ON ASSUMPTIONS AND NOT FACTS – NABIP REQUESTED THAT THEY REISSUE A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE DATA WHICH THEY FREELY ADMIT THEY DID NOT. CMS ALSO LEAVES THE DOOR OPEN TO FURTHER RULE MAKING WHICH COULD UPEND ANY ASSUMPTIONS WE HAVE ON THE RULE TODAY WHICH CREATES ONGOING UNCERTAINTY.**
- **NETWORK ADEQUACY– NEW REQUIREMENT ON NETWORK ADEQUACY WILL TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2026. THE RULE REQUIRES STATES WITH STATE-BASED EXCHANGES AND STATE-BASED MARKETPLACES ON THE FEDERAL PLATFORM TO ESTABLISH AND IMPOSE QUANTITATIVE TIME AND DISTANCE QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN NETWORK ADEQUACY STANDARDS. MUST BE WITHIN 50-MILE RADIUS – THINK WE WILL SEE MORE BILLS REGARDING THIS NEXT YEAR, TELEHEALTH COULD EXPAND THE NETWORK AND WILL ALLOW CARRIERS TO BE COMPLIANT.**
- **MINIMAL ESSENTIAL BENEFITS – FINAL RULEMAKING ALSO ALLOWS FOR STATES TO ADD ROUTINE, NON-PEDIATRIC DENTAL BENEFITS TO BE CONSIDERED AS MINIMAL ESSENTIAL BENEFITS. STATES WILL BE ALLOWED TO UPDATE THEIR EHB-BENCHMARK PLANS TO INCLUDE NON-PEDIATRIC DENTAL SERVICES THROUGH THE EHB-BENCHMARK APPLICATION PROCESS BEGINNING IN 2025, WHICH WOULD TAKE EFFECT FOR BENEFIT YEARS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2027. CALIFORNIA DID A STUDY AND DISREGARDED AFTER THE COST EVALUATION (DELTA DENTAL HELPED WITH THIS STUDY, MAY NEED THEM TO ASSIST IF COMES UP IN OKLAHOMA).**
- **ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS – FINAL REGS RELEASED – DOL RESCINDED THE 2018 FINAL RULE IN ITS ENTIRETY, THE RESCISSION DOES NOT AFFECT THE ABILITY TO OPERATE OR FORM AN AHP PURSUANT TO THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES APPROACH OF THE PRE-2018 RULE GUIDANCE. THE DOL HAS RELEASED A SERIES OF ADVISORY OPINIONS THAT ESTABLISH A NARROW PATHWAY FOR AN AHP TO QUALIFY AS A SINGLE ERISA PLAN. THE DOL APPLIES A FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES APPROACH TO DETERMINE WHETHER A GROUP OR ASSOCIATION OF EMPLOYERS IS A BONA FIDE EMPLOYER GROUP OR ASSOCIATION CAPABLE OF SPONSORING AN ERISA PLAN ON BEHALF OF IT'S EMPLOYER MEMBERS.**
- **DACA RECIPIENTS – BIDEN ADMINISTRATION HAS ANNOUNCED THAT 100,000 IMMIGRANTS, KNOWN AS “DREAMERS”, TO ENROLL IN THE ACA HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS STARTING 01/01/2025.**



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# OPERATION SHOUT

The members of NABIP work on a daily basis to help millions of individuals and employers purchase, administer and utilize health insurance coverage. Ensuring market stability and competition, as well as improving health coverage affordability, are among our top goals.

Click below to sign up for notices of important legislation and even become a part of "Operation Shout" where you can contact local law makers about important topics.

## Championing Health Policy: Click to See NABIP in Action

- [BECOME A MEMBER OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY CHAPTER HERE.](#)
- [CHAMPION A CAUSE YOU CAN GET BEHIND WHEN YOU SUPPORT YOUR POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES.](#)
- [IS YOUR BUSINESS INTERESTED IN A QUALITY PARTNERHIPS WITH OPPORTUNITES? CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION.](#)



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The Mission of The Toby Keith Foundation is to encourage the health and happiness of pediatric cancer patients and to support OK Kids Korral, a home for children battling cancer.

**NABIP Oklahoma City Chapter regularly supports the local mission of OK Kids Korral and Toby Keith's Foundation which provides a safe place for families to stay while their children receive life-saving care. There are many ways to serve but you can join us as we prepare quarterly dinners for the families there. It's a great way to be boots on the ground for your very own community.**

### 16 Ways to Volunteer

- #1: Spread the word by sharing your story
- #2: Prepare and serve a home-cooked meal
- #3: Bring homemade cookies or cupcakes for families, or help children bake and decorate them
- #4: Offer your professional skills to families – give free haircuts, massages, or manicures
- #5: Organize a craft project for children staying with us
- #6: Answer the phones, greet guests or do light office work
- #7: Host a pizza party, ice cream social, or popcorn & movie night for families staying at OK Kids Korral
- #8: Host a scrapbooking party at the Korral for moms, dads & kids
- #9: Help decorate for the holidays
- #10: Lead a yoga, exercise or relaxation class for parents & children
- #11: Lead a "Coins for the Korral" at your school to collect loose change for OK Kids Korral
- #12: Initiate a toy or book drive so we can restock our toy room and library
- #13: Make welcome goodie bags and care packages for families
- #14: Collect new hotel toiletries and donate them for families
- #15: Collect new toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss to donate to OK Kids Korral
- #16: Help us keep our home clean and work with us to disinfect toys and play equipment

Your next opportunity to volunteer is **July 29, 2024 at 6pm.** Reach out to [Dana@BirchallandHampton.com](mailto:Dana@BirchallandHampton.com)



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# GET IN THE KNOW



**James Ashford**

Helping brokers and employers cut the cost of vision plans while providing real customer service and value!

Thank you James Ashford for our CE last month! We know more about the hot topic of GLP-1 treatment and the pros and cons of rapid weight loss through the assistance of prescription drugs. James Ashford is Regional Sales Director at Vision Care Direct and serves as Legislative Chair for the NABIP Tulsa Chapter and in the role of Professional Development for the OKC Chapter. You can connect with him on LinkedIn. Come out for our Ethics games in our June meeting, James will be leading out!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

REGISTER FOR THE ANNUAL CONVENTION TAKING PLACE JUNE 22-25. SIGN UP FOR EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING AT [NABIP.ORG](http://NABIP.ORG), CLICK THE IMAGE TO THE RIGHT FOR DETAILS.



MAY Mental Health Advocacy for  
28 Medicare Agents  
@ 1:00pm →

MAY Leadership Monthly Forum  
30 @ 1:00pm →

JUN NABIP Membership Chair  
11 Training  
@ 2:00pm →

JUN Medicare Moments  
19 @ 3:00pm →

JUN Region 3 & 5 Leadership  
22 Summit  
@ 8:00am →

JUN 2024 Annual Convention  
22 @ 8:00am →

JUN 2024 Annual Convention  
23 @ 8:00am →

JUN 2024 Annual Convention  
24 @ 8:00am →



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# OU Health Invites You and Your Colleagues to a Health Insurance Broker Breakfast

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

7:30 – 9 a.m.

Samis Education Center, 3rd Floor Conference Room  
1200 Children's Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73104

## Topic: OU Health's Value to Patients, Employers, and the Community

As Oklahoma's flagship academic health system, OU Health is a community asset:

- OU Health is leading the way in bringing world-class care and cutting-edge services to Oklahoma residents.
- OU Health is teaching and training the next generation of Oklahoma's physicians and healthcare workforce.
- OU Health has recruited a set of uniquely qualified and skilled sub-specialists to care for our patients.
- OU Health relies on its payer partners to share the costs of educating and training our future providers.

Contract negotiation discussions with several payers are either underway or will soon be starting. We are hopeful that these discussions will positively conclude, and that contract termination can be avoided to allow OU Health to remain in-network.

**Join us for breakfast and conversation around this topic.**

**Please pass this invitation along to your broker/consultant colleagues who may have an interest in this topic.**

RSVP to [communityrelations@ouhealth.com](mailto:communityrelations@ouhealth.com) by June 14



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