

Schedule for OPS Conference (DRAFT 5/10/12)

Sunday, July 1

9-10am: Opening and facilitated discussion on Supreme Court decision on the ACA. - Michael Lighty, Policy Director, California Nurses Association

10-11am: Presentation and discussion on comparative health systems with a particular focus on 1) strategies that won single-payer systems in other countries, and 2) what activists in other countries are doing right now to preserve and enhance their current health systems. - Dr. Carol Ritter and Brigitte Marti

11-Noon: Participants present individual reports on single-payer legislation in their states.

Noon-1pm: LUNCH

1-2pm: Discussion on the inevitable collapse of the industry and an insider's perspective on successful direct action tactics against private insurance companies. - Wendell Potter, former Vice President of corporate communications at CIGNA and author of *Deadly Spin: An Insurance Company Insider Speaks Out on How Corporate PR Is Killing Health Care and Deceiving Americans*

2-2:30pm: Presentation of a potential model bill for state single-payer legislation followed by Q&A. - Steven B. Larchuk, Esq.

2:30-3pm: Facilitated discussion on state waivers.

3-3:30pm: BREAK

3:30-4:30pm: Workshop on building a grassroots strategy in your state. Areas discussed will include fundraising, coalition-building, and dealing with attacks on Medicare/Medicaid while fighting for single-payer.