

**Interest Group Report Form  
SCL Leaven Assembly and SCL Associate Gathering  
July 30 and 31, 2018**

**Name of Interest Group:** Health Care Interest Group

**Co-Chairs:** Ann Schumacher SCL and Joyce Rauth-Fears SCLA

**Processes, events and/or projects accomplished since Leaven Assembly 2017**

Ongoing personal education about health care policy effects.

Individual, informal efforts to educate about health care issues.

Individual acts of advocacy and encouragement for others to do the same.

**Processes, events and/or projects in process since Leaven Assembly 2017**

Collaborate for action and advocacy:

Align with Catholic Health Association efforts. Specifically, encourage SCL/As to join the “Medicaid Makes It Possible” campaign.

Collaborate with Charity communities.

Speak with a corporate voice:

Develop a public statement; send it to the SCL/A Community for affirmation; publish it for our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Provide educational components and advocacy opportunities regarding health care issues, especially Medicaid expansion and mental health:

Publish occasional mini-blurbs in the SCL/A News to clarify issues involved in current political debates.

With Justice Coordinator, provide advocacy resources on issues.

Encourage SCL/A News stories from our Clinics of the real impacts of policies.

Be proactive in supporting our safety net Clinics.

Increase awareness of overlapping justice concerns such as the impacts of housing, environment, trafficking, food resources, support systems and more on health – and vice versa.

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