Federal Policy Issues

- New Payment Models are *Slowly Arriving!*

State Policy Issues

**Insure TN (Medicaid Expansion) – Why House Leadership Opposed?**
- TennCare eligible numbers increased from 200,000 to 400,000
- Distrust of Congress on Federal matching (90%/10%)
- Co-pays were problematic under Medicaid law
- Unpopularity of the President with Republicans

*Conclusion: Only General Assembly can resurrect*

**3 – Start Healthy Project**
- TN House of Representatives newly formed task force

**Tennesseans for a Responsible Future (TRF)**
- Spin-off of THA to promote affordable health insurance reform
Political Scene

**Bloomberg Political Poll**
- 72% of Americans think their country isn’t as great as it once was.
- More than one third prefer a presidential candidate WITHOUT experience in public office.
- 66% of Americans say the nation is headed in the wrong direction

Recurring theme: We Want Change!

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The Road the Presidency


In the Beginning…

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Political Scene of Today

- The angry voter
- The Trump and Sanders appeal
- NBC/Wall Street poll:
  - 44% angry at the political system
  - 28% are anxious and uncertain about the economy
  - 20% feel neither or no longer care

- 2016 election will be much different than any other
Trump’s Challenge is to Unite the Republican Party

The Democrats

Clinton’s Challenge is Connecting with the Young Voters

Memphis Demographics

- Living below the poverty line:
  - 29.8% in Memphis vs. 15.5% in U.S.
  - 47% of Memphis children vs. 21% U.S. children
- 40,000 SCS students come from families that earn less than $10,000 a year
- #1 in the country for displaced young people
- Third from the bottom in per capita income
- 82% of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch
So What?

• Why it Matters
• Do we help make a Difference?

Q&A Session?