

President and CEO Monthly Report to CHC Board of Directors

November 28, 2022

Reporting period: October 22, 2022 thru November 27, 2022



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- 340B Drug Pricing Program
 - Appellate court judges in Astra Zeneca, Sanofi, and Novo Nordisk litigation support manufacturers position that the law does not prevent them from imposing conditions on 340B sales.
 - Legislative strategy presented to NACHC Executive Committee – expected launch January 2023
- Health Center Reauthorization and Funding
 - Reauthorization priorities
 - Expanding the reach of the program
 - Reducing funding gap caused by inflationary pressures
 - Deepening services at health centers
 - Proposed: \$2.5 billion/\$500 million/\$500 million
 - Jim Macrae: “*We will be facing strong headwinds in 2023.*”

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- State Focus and Activities:
 - SCPHCA Legislative Committee meets monthly on the first Friday of each month.
 - 2023 Legislative Agenda approved by the full SCPHCA Board of Directors at November meeting with the following priorities:
 - Sustainable state funding with allocation for capital
 - State protection for 340B
 - Telehealth
 - Behavioral Health
 - Workforce
 - Expect challenges to reproductive rights – expanding collaboration among SCPHCA, member health centers and New Morning Foundation.
 - January 11, 2023 is the date that has been set for the HRSA Administrator and regional office staff to visit South Carolina.
 - Anticipating impact of the loss of Anne Parks in the General Assembly.

Watch list:

- Reproductive Rights
- Impact of Supreme Court ruling in New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen
 - Struck state law requiring evidence of special need for protection
 - Impact on 5 states: California, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York
 - States shifting burden of responsibility from state to primary care based behavioral health providers
 - Expected gap in protection under FTCA





Strategic and Operational Updates:

- Leadership and Staff Development

- Corporate Staff meeting held on October 27th was a hit!
- Initial planning underway for Leadership “Reset” Retreat in early 2022.
- Turkeys provided for Thanksgiving celebrations at each site and holiday bonuses distributed.

- COVID-19 Response

- Continuing regular email updates
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announced a new \$350 million initiative for HRSA-supported health centers to increase COVID-19 vaccines in their communities, with a specific focus on underserved populations.
 - Leadership Team to initiate planning at Tuesday morning meeting.

- Funding

- See above re: vaccination initiative.
- Grant team formed for RCORP funding.
- Governmental Relations Consultant maintaining contact re earmark for Clinton expansion.



Strategic and Operational Updates:

- Administration: No specific activity to report.
- Clinical Departments:
 - Department of Pediatrics:
 - Transition of directors complete and first Leadership Team meeting with clinical departments heads indicates Dr. Chard to be an excellent addition.
 - Department of Family Medicine:
 - Focus on expansion of Medication Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder. Current barrier is lack of funding for requisite behavioral health support (see note under Behavioral Health).
 - Department of Behavioral Health:
 - SCPHCA is working with SCDHHS to develop FQHC specific billing protocol that would expand pool of billable providers. In process of scheduling a meeting of key contacts with appropriate CHC leadership and Management.
 - Department of Pharmacy:
 - Continuing to pursue strategies to minimize impact of assault on contract pharmacy.



Board Development and Engagement

- Committee Activities:
 - Met with Chair of Strategic and Program Planning Committee re “reset” – defer to Committee Reports
- Holiday Celebration plans are complete!
- Health Center Board Training and development opportunities available at <https://www.nachc.org/trainings-and-conferences/governance/>

External Partnerships, Affiliations, and Community Engagement

National Association of Community Health Centers

- Secretary of the Board of Directors/Member of the Executive Committee
- Chair, Membership Committee
- Co-chair, Subcommittee for Pharmacy Policy and Operations
- Member of Legislative, Health Policy, and Clinical Practice Committees
- Member of Task Force on Undoing Racism

- NACHC Executive Committee meets on 2nd Tuesday of each month.
- In person meeting of the full board was held in conjunction with the PCA/HCCN Annual Meeting on November 14th
- Current focus areas of board:
 - CEO search
 - Supporting interim CEO in recruitment and realignment of key staff consistent with approved organization redesign
 - Evaluating contract portfolio
 - Developing approach for reauthorization and funding

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Community Integrated Management Services (CIMS)

- Managing Partner – Parliamentarian
- Chair of the Clinical and Care Coordination Committee

South Carolina Primary Health Care Association (SCPHCA)

- Board Member
- Chair of Legislative Committee

Beckman Center for Mental Health Services

- Partnership overseen by Director of Behavioral Health

OCHIN CEO Steering Committee

Community Voices for 340B

- Member of CV340B Steering Committee
- Planning Committee for 340B Grantee regional Conferences

- Attended all regularly scheduled meetings.
- CV340B in collaboration with NACHC held a Zoom Rally and Twitter Storm on Monday 11/21 with the hashtags #340BThankful and #Protect340B
- Working with OCHIN Legislative and Health Policy staff to align 2023 agenda with NACHC priorities

Consulting Activities:

- Finalized agreement to continue as planner for health center programming for the 340B Coalition 2023 Winter Conference.
- Planning initiated for 2nd 340B Grantee Regional Conference.
- Agreement as retained 340B consultant for Community Health Center Association of Connecticut (CHCACT) has expired.

SV Personal Leave Time
Continuing Education Leave
40 hours
November 7- 11, 2022

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