

**President and CEO
Monthly Report
to
CHC Board of Directors**

February 27, 2023

Reporting Period: January 21, 2023 through February 24, 2023





**ADVOCACY
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HEALTH
POLICY
REAUTHORIZATION
&
FUNDING**

Health Center Priorities:

- Expanding the reach of the program
- Reducing the funding gap caused by inflationary pressures
- Deepening services at health centers

- **Health Center Reauthorization and Funding**
 - Continued work on balancing the three reauthorization/funding priorities with divided congress push flat discretionary and mandatory spending. Those three priorities are:
 - NACHC Public Policy and Research team released comprehensive analysis of the political environment with nuanced bicameral strategy
 - Discussed/approved at special called meeting of the NACHC Board of Directors – Board members deployed to educate membership
 - Senator Bernie Sanders (Chair, Senate HELP Committee) has convened a hearing for Thursday March 2nd to discuss the value delivered by health centers and their funding needs
 - SV identified as possible witness; HELP staff conducted initial interview
- **CHC Congressionally Directed Spending Request (request for earmarked funding)**
 - Ongoing follow-up mode



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POLICY

340B

- **NACHC:**

- Finalized principles for comprehensive and meaningful reform of the 340B Program
 - Codifies contract pharmacy with reasonable guidelines
 - Protects against discriminatory reimbursement by 3rd parties
 - Creates transparency and accountability expectations and establishes authority for oversight
 - Includes formation of new multi-stakeholder coalition (501©(4))
 - Approved by NACHC Board of Directors – to be “unveiled” at NACHC P&I
- Multiple virtual meetings with congressional offices (Scott, Duncan, Norman, and Bucshon (Indiana) to identify congressional champions and supporters
- **340B Working Group (facilitated by Leavitt Partners)**
 - Meeting with identified congressional lead for 340B reform (Bucshon R-Indiana)
 - Facilitated meeting of leads with Leavitt Partners and NACHC

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STATE FOCUS
&
ACTIVITIES**



- SCPHCA Legislative Committee meets monthly on the first Friday of each month (SV Chair)
- Proposed new construct for state funding of community health centers:
 - Increase in state budget allocation from \$5 million to \$12 million
 - Incorporated into FQHC encounter rate rather than annual contracts
 - Stable and secure funding correlated to growth in Medicaid enrollment
 - Increased flexibility using resources to meet the needs of the communities served (not tied to specific contract terms)
- Bill introduced to revise previously adopted provisions related to Pharmacy Services
 - Increased protections against discriminatory practices of PBM
 - Increased protection of patient choice – i.e. limited networks
- Senate Bill 517 introduced to allow APRNs (with the exception of CRNAs) to practice independently



STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

- **Leadership and Staff Development**

- Weekly team meetings/monthly with medical directors included
- Multi-disciplinary team from Bethany Center attending annual meeting of Christian Community Health Federation
- In person Provider Staff meeting moved to early April
- Discussion underway re: Spring Corporate-Wide Staff Meeting

- **COVID-19 Response**

- Updates provided via email
- CCP experienced surge – returned to mask mandate for the interim

- **Funding**

- HIV grant (January board approval) submitted
- Expanding COVID Vaccine grant – addressed under Old Business
- New HRSA funding opportunity for Early Childhood Services – addressed under New Business
- Governmental Relations Consultant maintaining contact re earmark for Clinton expansion.



STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

- **Administration: No specific activity to report.**
- **Clinical Departments:**
 - **Efforts underway to renew, reenergize, refocus collaborative relationship under new leadership at Self regional Healthcare**
 - **Department of Pediatrics:**
 - Recruitment ongoing for 2 open pediatrician positions
 - **Department of Family Medicine:**
 - Continued planning related to providing CCBHC required primary care onsite at Beckman Center for Mental Health as a Designated Collaborating Organization
 - **Department of Behavioral Health:**
 - 3 of 5 approved positions filled with candidates in queue for 2 remaining vacancies
 - Director of Behavioral Health collaborating with Lander on internships to increase BH Department social work capacity
 - **Department of Pharmacy:**
 - Following flood damage to CCP-NW, repairs will enable addition of clinical consult space



BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND ENGAGEMENT

- Updated Committee Assignments
- David Otabor (formerly Westberry) will be participating in NACHC Policy and Issues Forum and Hill visits to our Congressional delegation along with CHC senior staff
- 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
 - Attended regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee.
 - There have been two called meetings of the Executive Committee and one of the full Board of Directors
 - Current focus areas of board unchanged from last reporting period with the addition of finalizing the legislative strategy regarding both reauthorization and funding and 340B reform
 - Attended meetings to plan the agenda for Membership Committee for which SV is Chair
 - Serving as one of the train-the-trainers to disseminate the #TheNext50Years strategy developed during the January 25-28 session
 - NACHC's Policy and Issues Forum will be held in DC March 8th -11th with committee meetings on March 6th -7th and Hill Day on March 9th
 - Serving as panelist for three sessions at P&I

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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**
- **CIMS:**
 - Attended the Annual Partners Meeting, along with Paul Grogan, Dr. Simons, and Terri Woodrome (director of Quality and Population Health)
 - Reelected to serve as one of the five Managing Partners for another 2 year term
- **SCPHCA**
 - Provided briefing on NACHC legislative strategy to closed meeting of SC health centers
- **CV340B/340B Grantees**
 - 2nd 340B Grantee Conference scheduled for May 3rd - 5th
 - Planning underway for conference content and flow – biweekly planning and faculty meetings

CONSULTING ACTIVITIES:

- Health center programming for the 340B Coalition 2023 Winter Conference nearly complete
- Planning initiated for 2nd 340B Grantee Regional Conference to be held in May 2023 in New Orleans

SV Personal Leave Time

PTO = No PTO taken

Sick leave = 6 hours for February 6, 2023

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