

# President and CEO Monthly Report to CHC Board of Directors

January 23, 2023

Reporting period: December 8, 2022 thru January 20, 2023





## Advocacy & Health Policy

- **Health Center Reauthorization and Funding**
  - New divided Congress likely to push flat discretionary and mandatory spending
  - Strong push planned for Hill Day at NACHC's Policy and Issues Forum on three reauthorization/funding priorities:
    - Expanding the reach of the program
    - Reducing funding gap caused by inflationary pressures
    - Deepening services at health centers
- **CHC Congressionally Directed Spending Request (request for earmarked funding)**
  - Contingent on new House rules and final funding vehicle
  - Series of in person meetings on the Hill
  - CHC's request is in the FY24 queue with Senator Lindsey Graham



## Advocacy & Health Policy

- **340B Drug Pricing Program**
  - NACHC:
    - Two in person meetings in DC - one with potential collaborative partners
    - Legislative strategy and language in final stages of development and, pending board approval, will be rolled out at P&I Forum
    - Essential that health centers communicate the urgency of meaningful 340B reform during P&I Hill visits
  - 340B Working Group (facilitated by Leavitt Partners)
    - In person meeting in DC – met with staff for Energy and Commerce Committee and reviewed core principles and framework for reform
    - First draft of legislative language under review
    - Continuing efforts to bring NACHC and the Working Table together as core principles of both groups are well-aligned

## Advocacy & Health Policy



- **State Focus and Activities:**
  - SCPHCA Legislative Committee meets monthly on the first Friday of each month
  - State Policy and Issues Forum held in Columbia
    - Brooke Holloway took lead in CHC representation
  - Current state revenue position:
    - Surplus of \$70 million in discretionary funding
    - Surplus of \$2 billion in one-time funds
    - Future loss of revenue due to reduced FMAP



# Strategic and Operational Updates:

- Leadership and Staff Development
  - Weekly team meetings/monthly with medical directors included
  - Employee Wellness Program being rolled out
  - Planning underway for in-person Provider Staff meeting in March
- COVID-19 Response
  - Continuing regular email updates
- Funding
  - Consistent, standardized process for funding applications with oversight maintained by Chief Development Officer
  - Two HRSA applications pending Board approval under New Business
  - Dr. Mellette applied for funding from the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund to support CCP efforts to reduce opioid deaths in communities served by CHC
  - 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:
    - Recruitment ongoing for 2 open pediatrician positions
  - Department of Family Medicine:
    - Participating as a Designated Collaborating Organization with Beckman Center for Mental Health in their implementation of a Certified Community Behavioral Health Center – a national model requiring coordination of care with an array of primary care services available on site
  - Department of Behavioral Health:
    - SCDHHS announced FQHC specific billing protocol that would expand pool of billable providers
  - 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month
  - #TheNext50Years strategy session January 25-28 will focus on amplifying and activating the voice of advocates in anticipation of the congressional challenges ahead. Executive Committee and full Board meetings will be held in conjunction with this meeting
  - Current focus areas of board unchanged from last reporting period
  - NACHC's Policy and Issues Forum will be held in DC March 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> with committee meetings on March 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> and Hill Day on March 9<sup>th</sup>



# External Partnerships, Affiliations, and Community Engagement

## **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
- Drafted opening comments for SCPHCA Chair to deliver at State P&I
- Working with CV340B on CHC specific material that will focus on how the contribution from 340B tour operating margin supports behavioral health services for our communities

## Consulting Activities:

- Health center programming for the 340B Coalition 2023 Winter Conference nearly complete
- Planning initiated for 2<sup>nd</sup> 340B Grantee Regional Conference to be held in May 2023 in New Orleans
- Consulting with Pennsylvania Association for Community Health Centers on response to state initiative to move pharmacy out of managed care to FFS, which eliminates the use of 340B purchased drugs for any Medicaid patients

SV Personal Leave Time  
PTO = 8 hours on January 2, 2023  
Sick leave = 6 hours for January 23, 2023

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