



**President and CEO
Monthly Report
to
CHC Board of Directors
August 19, 2024**

Reporting period: June 21st – August 16th 2024

- Community Health Center Funding:
 - Ongoing advocacy for stable and predictable multi-year funding that incorporates inflationary economics.
 - No SC Members of Congress have signed on the to FY2025 Appropriations Letter.
- Congressionally Directed Spending Request:
 - Total 2025 Requests = 22,345
 - Senator Graham submitted 98 requests ranging from \$120,000 to \$112,100,000 for a total of \$527,419,000.
 - Funding categories include:
 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies;
 - Commerce, Justice, Science, and related agencies;
 - Energy and Water Development;
 - Homeland Security;
 - Interior, Environment, and related agencies;
 - **Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and related agencies;** and
 - Military Construction, Veteran's Affairs, and related agencies;
 - Transportation, Housing, Urban Development, and related agencies.

Advocacy and Health Policy Federal Focus



Senator Graham	SC	Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies	Carolina Health Centers	Facilities and Equipment	Laurens County	SC	\$5,000,000
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Senator Graham's Congressionally Directed Spending Requests include \$5,000,000 for Carolina Health Centers

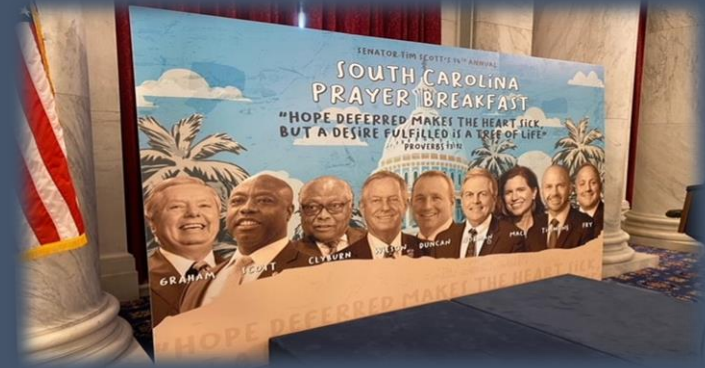


Current 340B “State of Play”

- **“340B Affording Care for Communities and Ensuring a Strong Safety-net Act” – “340B ACCESS ACT”:**
 - No movement expected before end of Session at which time the bill will die.
- **“Supporting Underserved and Strengthening Transparency, Accountability, and Integrity Now for the Future of 340B ACT” – “SUSTAIN 340B Act”:**
 - Planned introduction prior to August recess was held at the 11th hour.
 - After a brief “cone of silence” the staff of the Senate Gang of Six (G6) are regrouping.
 - It is “rumored” that one point of discord is related to STI eligibility without direct patient care responsibility.
 - 340B Working Table continues to serve as primary behind the curtain advisory group to G6.
 - Based on some intel providing, SV has been asked to provide more detailed analysis on emerging practice to expand capture inappropriately to the benefit of for-profit 3rd parties.
 - 340B Working Table met with staff leadership for House Energy and Commerce in preparation for building companion legislation.
- **Drug manufacturers continue to introduce new policies, requirements, and restrictions that are increasing the threat to covered entities and creating additional operational challenges:**
 - The most threatening: conversion from an upfront drug discount to a retroactive rebate.
 - Previous threat to restrict 340B at entity owned stand alone pharmacies has been quieted.

Other Federal Advocacy Activities:

- Served as Meeting Chair for July meeting of the South Carolina Business Council:
 - Provided overview of the Community Health Center Program and South Carolina's health centers.
 - Introduced Congressman Nancy Mace.
- Attended South Carolina Congressional Prayer Breakfast:
 - Opportunity to interact with full delegation with the exception of Congressman Clyburn and Senator Graham.
- Multiple visits on the Hill in addition to 340B Working Table work sessions and Hill meetings.





Proposed for SCPHCA 2024 Legislative Agenda

Proposed Legislative and Policy Priorities

Maintain Robust Medicaid Program

- Maintain and expand services for beneficiaries
- Monitor FQHC Reimbursement
- Support Medicaid Expansion

Invest in Community Health Center Infrastructure- Capital

Broadening/Expansion of Pharmacy Services Provided

- Protect 340B Program to strengthen existing statutes that protect against the discriminate treatment of independent pharmacies
- Expand access to clinical pharmacy services and reimbursement to sustain the services

Expansion of Health Care Workforce

- Incentivize clinician recruitment for practice in the health center setting
- Expand reimbursable provider types (and support staff)
- Expand the multidisciplinary health care team
 - Supportive regulatory and scope of practice policies

Advancement in the Utilization/Adoption of Technology and Data to Support and Drive the Provision of Quality and Comprehensive Care

- Expand access to and utilization of broadband connectivity
- Advance telehealth service utilization
- Secure exchange of data to improve health outcomes

Integration of Services for Comprehensive Care and Improved Health outcomes

- Expand access to services and resources to address behavioral health issues
 - Mental health crisis
 - Opioid/Substance use prevention and treatment

Create Equitable Outcomes for All People in South Carolina

- Support policy and legislation that ensure all communities of people are treated equitably and inclusively to advance and improve health outcomes that may be impacted by various social determinants/drivers of health

Advocacy and Health Policy State Focus



- General Assembly Adjourned.
- CoverSC continues to work on strategy for Medicaid expansion in 2025:
 - Economic report released on July 18th from the Center for Health Policy Research @ George Washington University.
 - Campaign launch planned for November 1, 2024.

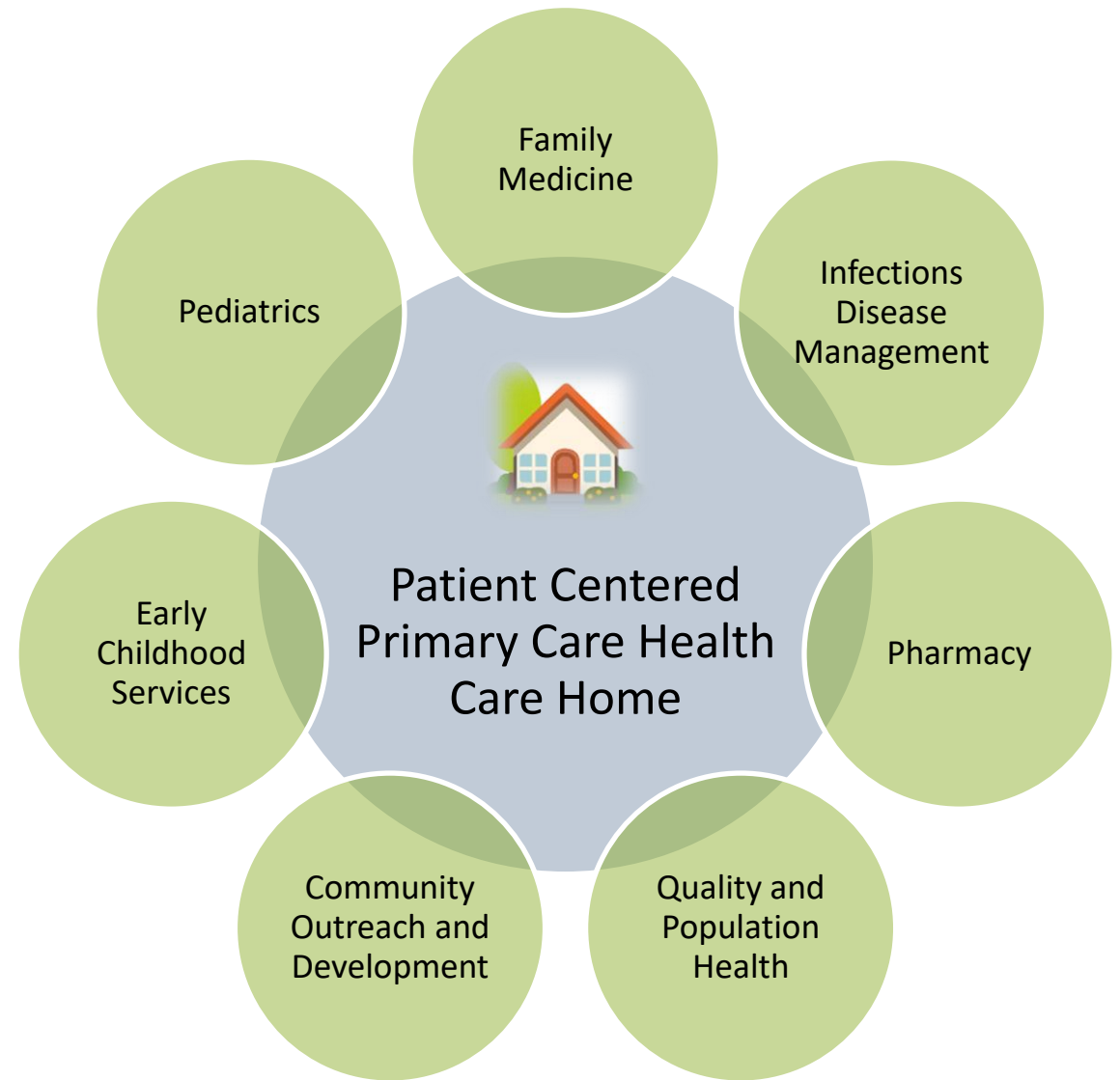
- **Leadership and Staff Development:**
 - Planning underway for October Corporate-wide Staff Meeting.
- **Funding:**
 - HRSA Behavioral Health Service Expansion submitted.
 - HRSA received nearly 800 applications and expects to award less than 40 grants.
 - CHC's application is in technical review.
- **Administration Department:**
 - Work is underway to renovate annex space and relocate Development and Corporate Compliance staff to open additional space in main Administration Office.
 - *CHC Phoenix Annex*

Strategic & Operational Updates



Departmental Updates:

- Productive ½ day meeting held in preparation for the September Board and Leadership Retreat. Summary provided to consultant.
- Recruitment activities ongoing for Pediatrics and Family Medicine.
- Early Childhood services embarking upon an enhanced leadership development journey.



Board Development and Community Engagement

- 2024 Board of Directors and Leadership Retreat.
 - Friday, September 27th – Sunday, September 29th
 - The Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC.
- Mee Moua selected as retreat facilitator.
- Mee met with Board Chair and Chair of Strategic and Program Planning Committee Chair to assess goals and expectation for the outcome of the retreat.
- Planning meeting scheduled with Leadership Team at next week's meeting.
- Additional updates may be included in Strategic and Program Planning Committee Report.



- NACHC Executive Committee meets on 2nd Tuesday of each month.
- Multiple called meetings of the full Board of Directors related to 340B Drug Program and other federal policy development.
- Two 1-1 calls with CEO Dr. Kyu Rhee to discuss federal strategy re: 340B.
- Meetings of the Executive Committee and full Board during NACHC Community Health Institute (CHI) August 22nd – 26th.
- Executive Committee will meet in person with HRSA leadership at the conclusion of NACHC CHI on August 26th.
- SV Nomination packet for 2024 election submitted .

External Partnerships , Affiliations, and Civic Activities

National Association of Community Health Centers **NACHC**

- Secretary of the Board of Directors/Member of the Executive Committee
- Chair, Membership Committee
- Chair Subcommittee for Pharmacy Policy and Operations
- Member of Legislative, Health Policy , Clinical Practice, and Rules Committees
- Member of Task Force on Undoing Racism
- Member of the 340B Work Group
- Member of Ad Hoc Task Force for revision of Mission, Vision, and Values

External Partnerships, Affiliations, and Civic Activities

- **OCHIN:**
 - Attending regular Steering Committee meetings with plans to attend in person meeting at NACHC CHI.
- **SCPHCA:**
 - Monthly meetings of Legislative Committee (SV serves as Chair), 330 Network, and Board of Directors.
 - Attended Board and Leadership retreat in Greenville on July 15th – 18th.
 - Planning ongoing for SCPHCA Annual Conference to be held October 18-20, 2024, at the Sonesta Hilton Head Resort at Hilton Head Island – SV on planning committee.
- **CIMS:**
 - SV is one of 5 Managing Partners and serves as Chair of the Clinical Committee.
 - Unable to attend Annual Mid-Year Partners meeting; however, CHC was well represented by CMO, CFO, Quality and Population Health, and Revenue Cycle staff.
- **Self Regional Healthcare**
 - **Re-engaging with COO and CFO regarding collaboration in Ware Shoals.**

- Five South Carolina health center organizations have joined together as a Medicare Shared Savings Plan Accountable Care Organization (ACO).
- The five partners are:
 - Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Healthcare
 - CareSouth Carolina
 - Carolina Health Centers
 - HopeHealth
 - Little River Medical Center
- The ACO will be organized under the national company Aledade.
- Our South Carolina MSSP ACO has the inauspicious name “ACO 206”.

We are pleased to announce
a new partnership to
continue our journey in
Quality and Population
Health



Consulting Activities and Speaker Engagements

- Served as a panelist on the first of a 4-part series on Workforce Development presented by Greenwood Chamber of Commerce. The focus of this first part of the series was Healthcare Challenges in a Rural Area.
- Planning is complete for 2024 Coalition Summer Conference and services have been invoiced and paid.
- Completed speaker engagement for Florida Association of Community Health Centers.
- Facilitating general session at NACHC Community Health Institute in Atlanta August 23rd-26th.
- Speaker engagement at Fall 340B Grantee Conference in Buffalo, NY.
- No ongoing consulting opportunities.

SV Personal Leave Time

12 hours of PTO



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