



# President's Report to the Board of Directors

Monday, November 23, 2020

- The 340B Program remains a truly critical priority resulting in an “all hands on deck” advocacy approach
  - What has occurred in the last month:
    - NACHC’s legal action against HHS and HRSA is proceeding and generating a great deal of media attention – both in favor and opposed to the health centers.
    - NPRM on the Executive Order and the GOP committee leadership both closed with significant comments received from the health center community.
    - Manufacturer Eli Lilly “doubled down” on their threat potentially eliminating contract pharmacy as an option even for those without an in-house pharmacy.
    - Unexpected response by HRSA: Final Rule on Administrative Dispute Resolution was issued on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> with no prior notice or opportunity to comment
  - Related CHC/SV activity:
    - As Chair of NACHC’s 340B Strategic Advisory Group, I am participating in weekly meetings of advocacy/communications team and responding to media inquiries as requested
    - Participating with NACHC leadership in ongoing discussions with leadership of Kalderos (company proposing conversion to rebate model) in an effort to develop an alternative to their rebate/data clearinghouse model
    - Served as panelist on national webinar presented by an emerging advocacy group – **Community Voices for 340B**
    - Weekly briefings for the health center CEOs in CT and TX (under retainer)

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- **Other federal initiatives and activities**

- Sustained advocacy regarding health center funding and additional Covid relief funds – likelihood of a CR is growing
- NACHC team has been appointed to work with Biden transition team – point people to be designated for specific topic areas

- **On the state level**

- Effort underway with DHHS to eliminate two-part contracts for FQHCs
- Plans underway for orientation of new members of the General Assembly – will require grassroots effort in targeted areas

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- **Leadership and Staff Development:**
  - Announcement of enhanced holiday bonus with now over 70 responses from employees
  - Leadership Team weekly briefings continue each Monday
  - Provided input on decisions related to limiting employee holiday gatherings
  - 1-1 meetings with leadership team members to discuss Executive Committee recommendations
- **Covid 19 Response:**
  - Participate in weekly response team meetings and provider briefings (now every other week)
  - Compile and submit weekly report to HRSA
  - Providing input on the development of a vaccine deployment plan that would limit distribution at our medical sites to our established patients while deploying vaccine to the general public through our certified clinical pharmacists.
- **Department of Pediatrics:**
  - Assisted in the development of a framework for ongoing Provider Recruitment Plan
  - Continued discussions with Dr. David Bowen – pediatrician with family connection and interest in settling in Greenwood
  - Participation in discussions of staffing and facility needs as required

# Strategic & Operational Updates

- **Department of Family Medicine:**
  - No specific activities to report.
- **Department of Pharmacy:**
  - Regular meeting of the Pharmacy Oversight Committee
  - Participated in the determination of salary scale adjustments for the Customer Service Representatives
  - Provided input (referenced under Covid) regarding the role of pharmacy in Covid 19 vaccine deployment
- **Integrated Behavioral Health:**
  - Participating with the leadership team in the development of plans to expand behavioral health services to include up to 4 additional CHC employed counselors providing integrated care in coordination with the services provided by the Beckman Center.
  - Participated in a meeting to re-start our efforts to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in collaboration with other state and local partners – Dr. Simons taking lead on this with the assistance of Dr. Jason Dahlberg
- **Funding:**
  - Providing input as needed on HRSA BPR application
  - Early plans to apply for a HRSA supplemental grant opportunity focusing on hypertension control
- **Board Development:**
  - Continuing outreach to potential board candidates identified by staff at three practice sites

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- Participated in regular meetings of those partnerships and affiliations listed. Notable activities include:
- **OCHIN:**
  - CEO Steering Committee was held October 28<sup>th</sup> with discussions of broadening policy and advocacy work on behalf of the HCCN members
  - Served as a panelist for the November Progressive Leaders Workshop with this month's topic being Inclusion and Racial Justice in Health Centers
- **SCPHCA:**
  - Annual meeting and elections were held. I have been asked to serve as the Chair of the Legislative Committee and will assume that role with the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting
- **NACHC:**
  - Participate in monthly HRSA calls
  - Quarterly Board meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Monthly meeting of **Task Force on Undoing Racism**

# External Partnerships & Affiliations

## 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
- Member of Legislative Committee
- Lead on 340B Task Force

## National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)

- Board Member
- Member of Legislative, Health Policy, and Rural Health Committees
  - Chair of 340B/Pharmacy Access Work Group
  - Member of Task Force on Racial Injustice

Beckman Center for Mental Health Services

OCHIN CEO Steering Committee

# Consulting Activities

- Continue under retainer with the Connecticut and Texas Primary Care Associations to inform and assist with the response to the assault on 340B
  - Monthly retainer = \$500 each
- Under contract with 340B Health and planning is underway for the planning and coordination of 2021 340B Coalition Winter Conference
  - Up to 80 hours @ \$125.00 per hour
  - Identifying topics and speaker in November and December

# SV Personal Leave Time

October 27<sup>th</sup> – November 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 8 hours of annual leave

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