



**President and CEO
Monthly Report
to
CHC Board of Directors
October 28, 2024**

Reporting period: September 30th – October 25th 2024

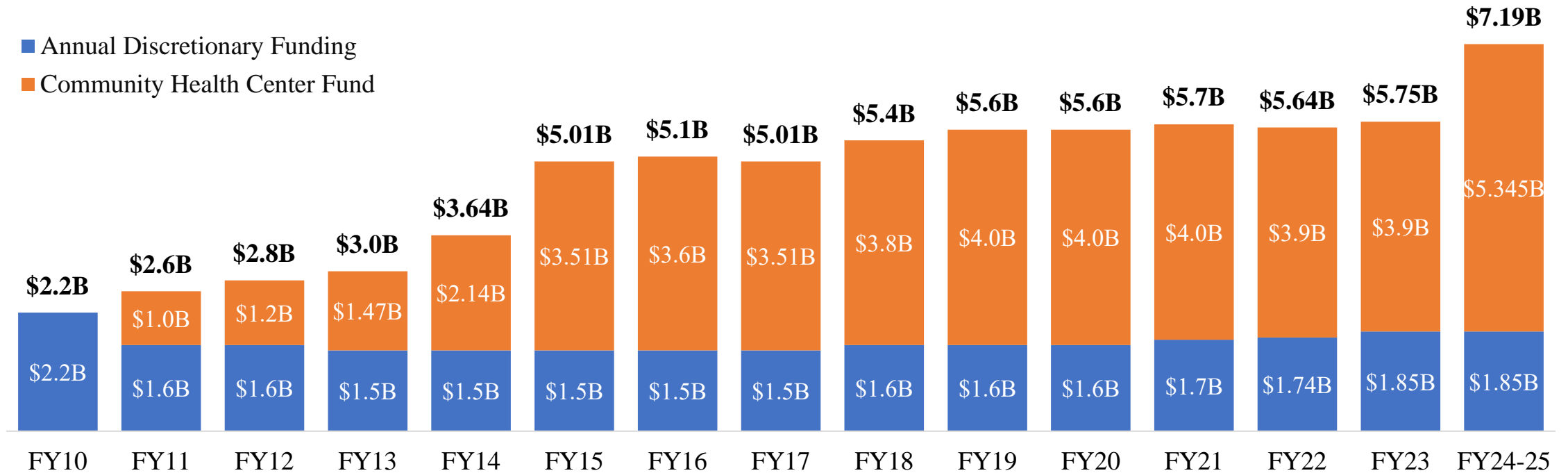
Community Health Center Funding:

- Authorization for both Discretionary and Mandatory funding expire in December 2024.
- Likely to be continued through another Continuing Resolution (CR), though a funding Omnibus bill is possible during the post-election lame duck session.
- NACHC board and leadership are determining the “ask” for the next budget cycle, supported by an analysis of the resource deficit for health centers developed by Dr. Peter Shin, NACHC’s newly added Chief Science Officer.

Advocacy and Health Policy Federal Focus



History of Congressional Support of the Community Health Center Program



Summary of Resource Deficit

Actual cost of care for uninsured patients	\$5.034 billion
Addressing identified unmet need and achieving comprehensive care model	\$5.768 billion
Funding for all Look-Alikes to become grantees providing comprehensive care	\$432 million
Addressing pay inequity	\$4.2 billion
National Health Service Corps Funding 2025	\$350 million
NHSC to fund to all eligible applicants in HPSAs	\$1 billion
Teaching Health Center GME Current Funding	\$186 million
Teaching Health Center GME Current Funding for all participants	\$386 million

Total Resource Deficit = \$17.354 billion

Current 340B “State of Play”

- **“340B Affording Care for Communities and Ensuring a Strong Safety-net Act” – “340B ACCESS ACT”:**
 - This poorly crafted House bill is considered dead.
- **“Supporting Underserved and Strengthening Transparency, Accountability, and Integrity Now for the Future of 340B ACT” – “SUSTAIN 340B Act”:**
 - The 340B Working Table has been told by Senator Thune’s staff (de facto leader of the Gang of Six) that there are still plans to introduce the bill following the election.
 - Given the impending retirement of 2 members of the G6, efforts are underway to assess support and recruit replacements and even expand the G6.
 - 340B Working Table continues to serve as primary behind the curtain advisory group to the G6 and held in person meetings with staff from nine Senate offices considered to be sympathetic to the need for 340B reform. At the conclusion of one of those meeting the Legislative Director asked that her boss’s name be forwarded as a potential new member of the G6.
- **Drug manufacturers continue to introduce new threats to covered entities:**
 - J&J’s plan to convert from an upfront drug discount to a retroactive rebate model has been put on hold following HRSA’s warning letter and a letter from 189 members of the House of Representatives supporting HRSA’s threatened legal action against the pharmaceutical manufacturer.

Other Federal Advocacy Activities:

- Virtual meeting with Senator Tim Scott's staff regarding questions about FQHCs and 340B issues the rural areas of SC.
- Maintaining regular communication with Senator Graham's office regarding Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Laurens.
- Upcoming:
 - Rudy Williams will attend the November meeting of the South Carolina
 - Participating in NACHC "Fly in" the first week of December.
 - South Carolina Business Council meeting and holiday reception the second week of December.

State Advocacy Activities:

- Official campaign launch of CoverSC was held on Tuesday September 24th at the State House in Columbia. CoverSC seeks to strengthen the health and economy of our state through affordable, sustainable healthcare coverage.
- The SCPHCA continues to collaborate with other state association on proposed amendments to S.1239 which is the state's 340B legislation introduced last Session by Senator Talley. In my role as Chair of the SCPHCA legislative Committee I serve as their representative on that alliance.

- Leadership and Staff Development:
 - The annual half-day Corporate Staff Meeting was held on Thursday, October 24th and was a great event – thanks to the hard work of many but notably, Takeria Jones!
 - Along with others, I have been participating in the assessment of an internal candidate for the leadership position of Director of Family Medicine
- Funding:
 - HRSA 3-year Service Area Competition application has been coordinated by Brooke Holloway
- Administrative and Support Services:
 - Work is ongoing to finalize the addition of the Administrative annex and reallocate office space in main Administration building

Strategic & Operational Updates



A brand is a product, service, or concept that is distinguished from others and has a **unique identity**. It can also be defined as the value a product or service has to its customers, or the way a company does business.

What is Carolina Health Center's "brand"?

A true health care home providing whole person/whole family care that extends beyond the walls of the traditional medical practice to positively impact social drivers of health and well being.

A collective of individual compassionate and caring human beings that each care about the health and well being of others and work together to promote health equity and social justice.

A leader, convener, and partner in our communities, promoting collaborative practices that will improve the health of our communities for generations to come.



Introducing: Outreach CREW

Board Development and Community Engagement

- 2024 Board of Directors and Leadership Retreat cancelled due to Hurricane Helene.
- Executive Committee for 2024-26 Term:
 - Chair: Abby Banks
 - Vice Chair: John Britt
 - Secretary Treasurer and Chair of Finance Committee: Bonnie “Boo” Ramage
 - Chair, Strategic and Program Planning Committee:
 - Chair, Development and Advocacy Committee:



External Partnerships , Affiliations, and Civic Activities

- NACHC Executive Committee meets on 2nd Tuesday of each month.
- SV reelected to a second two-year term as Secretary of the Board of Directors.
- F2F meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the 2024 Partners Conference, followed by the annual strategy session.

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 Steering Committee for 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.
- **CIMS:**
 - SV is one of 5 Managing Partners and serves as Chair of the Clinical Committee.
- **Self Regional Healthcare**
 - **SRH CEO has requested a joint meeting of our leadership teams.**
- **ACO 206:**
 - Board is meeting every other week as we establish operational framework .

- 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 for two plenary sessions and one breakout session at the 2024 Fall 340B Grantee Conference. Notably, Dr. Dominic Mellette was faculty for the 340B 101 Session and is being asked to continue in that capacity at other conferences.
- CHC has once again been contracted to plan the health center specific sessions at the 2025 Coalition Winter Conference.
- No ongoing consulting opportunities.

SV Personal Leave Time

Scheduled 32 hours of PTO during Thanksgiving week.



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