



President and CEO Monthly Report to CHC Board of Directors

February 21, 2022

Reporting period: January 25, 2022 – February 21, 2022

- **Funding:**

- Federal fiscal year ended in October – funding maintained through Continuing Resolutions (CR)
- Current CR expires on March 11th
- Parallel negotiations regarding another Continuing Resolution or rolling all 12 appropriations bills into an Omnibus package
- September 30th hard deadline for passage of Build Back Better (in some form) – likely to be “transformed”

- **COVID 19 Response:**

- Public Health Emergency (PHE) set to expire on March 31st resulting in the unwinding of any remaining associated benefits (i.e. telehealth flexibility)

- **340B Drug Pricing Program:**

- PROTECT 340B Bill prohibiting discriminatory contracting based on 340B eligibility is slowly gaining support – positive response from SC Congressional delegation during P&I Hill visits
- Recent court ruling on legality of contract pharmacy model are discouraging

- **Other Federal Policy Issues:**

- Nothing to report

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- NACHC 2022 Policy and Issues Forum
 - Held annually, typically in March while Congress is in session
 - General sessions, educational workshops, and Hill visits to Members of Congress
 - 2022 P&I converted to virtual format Monday, February 14th – Wednesday February 16th
 - Attended along with Brooke Holloway and Rachel Manner
 - Opening General Session:
 - Opening comments by President Joe Biden
 - Comments by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra
 - Keynote Speaker (WOW!): Michael Steele, former Governor of Maryland and former chair of the RNC
 - Attended a total of 5 Hill visits
 - Lead facilitator for meetings with Senators Graham and Scott offices
 - Lead contributor on 340B, Health Center Capital Funding, and FTCA Coverage for meetings with Congressmen Duncan, Clyburn, and Norman offices
 - STRONG SUPPORT EXPRESSED BY ALL CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES FOR HEALTH CENTER POLICY PRIORITIES

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- State activity:
 - SCPHCA Legislative Committee meets monthly on the first Friday of each month.
 - Request for \$8 million in annualized funding for health centers remains intact in the budget deliberations
 - Hot topic: Eliminating Certificate of Need requirement for health care facilities and equipment
 - Applies to health centers only for equipment purchases with total project cost \geq \$600,000
 - SCPHCA requesting an exemption for FQHCs or a renegotiation of the threshold.

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- Leadership and Staff Development:
 - Leadership Team weekly briefings/monthly meeting with clinical department heads
 - Corporate Staff Meeting (all hands on deck) scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th to be held virtually
 - First company wide meeting since the beginning of the COVID 19 pandemic
 - IT staff have been ensuring all employees have capability to connect virtually

Strategic & Operational Updates



- Covid-19 Response:
 - No changes to report
- Funding:
 - Clinical Division is considering two more supplemental grant opportunities to support enhanced services for Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
- Administration Department:
 - Monthly meeting held February 10th
- Clinical Departments:
 - Department of Pediatrics: No specific activity to report
 - Department of Family Medicine: No specific activity to report
 - Department of Pharmacy:
 - Attended the 340B Coalition 2022 Winter Conference along with 2 other members of the Pharmacy Oversight Committee (2 of us attended virtually/1 in person)
 - Integrated Behavioral Health: No specific activity to report

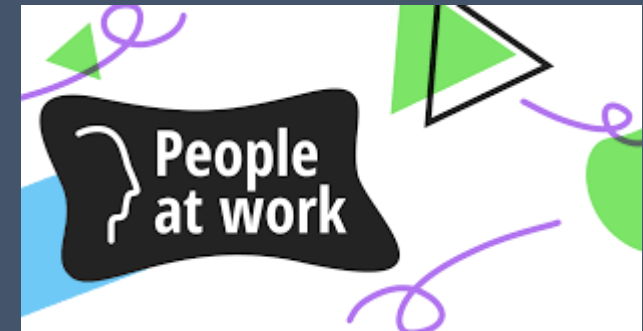
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- Clinical Departments:

- Department of Pediatrics: No specific activity to report
- Department of Family Medicine: No specific activity to report
- Department of Pharmacy: No specific activity to report.
- Integrated Behavioral Health:
 - Growth and development of Behavioral Health services addressed in the Strategic Plan Update

Strategic & Operational Updates



- Board Development activities:
 - New Board Member orientation held on Tuesday, February 15th

Board Development and Engagement



- NACHC:
 - Monthly meeting of Task Force for Undoing Racism
 - Planning session for inaugural meeting of the newly formed Subcommittee for Pharmacy Policy and Operations (serving as co-chair)
- OCHIN:
 - No meetings
- SCPHCA:
 - Attended monthly meetings of Legislative Committee, 330 Network, and Board of Directors.
- CIMS:
 - Shareholders Annual Meeting held January 25th
 - Monthly meeting of Managing Partners held February 15th – **value based contract terms being re-evaluated**
 - Chair of Clinical and Care Coordination Committee monthly meeting held February 15th and attended by CHC's Quality and Population Health staff
- Beckman Center for Mental Health Services:
 - Now under the oversight of Director of Behavioral Health.

External Partnerships , Affiliations, and Civic Activities

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
- Lead on 340B Task Force

National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)

- Board Member
- Member of Legislative, Health Policy , and **Clinical Practice** Committees
 - **Co-chair, Subcommittee for Pharmacy Policy and Operations**
 - Member of Task Force on Undoing Racism
 - Member of the Oversight Team for Organizational Assessment

Beckman Center for Mental Health Services

OCHIN CEO Steering Committee

Consulting Activities

- Renewed MOA with Connecticut PCA for ongoing 340B briefings at their bi-weekly CEO meetings.
- 340B Coalition 2022 Winter Conference is complete and invoice submitted
 - Invoice submitted for 43 hours @ \$125 for a total consulting fee of \$5,375
- Contract extended for planning and coordination of 340B Coalition 2022 Summer Conference. Requested increased hourly rate of \$150.00

SV Personal Leave Time

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- 8 hours of Floating Holiday Pay
 - 4 hours of Sick Leave

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