



President's Report to the Board of Directors

Monday, February 22, 2021

• On the Federal front:

• Funding:

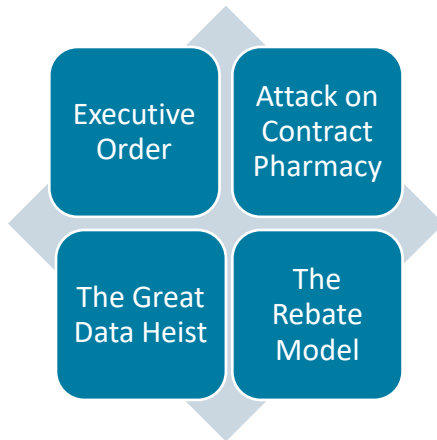
- Both President Biden and House E&C Committee are proposing significant support for the Community Health Center Program in their proposed relief packages (reference February 15, 2021 Monday Message)

• Covid Response:

- Plan for direct allocation to community health centers
- National Governor's Association letter to President Biden emphasizing the importance of close coordination between state government and health centers receiving direct allocation

• Continued assault on 340B:

- Intense advocacy and education on the Hill to nullify the Executive Order regarding insulin;
- NACHC blog post to be followed by upcoming Twitter Chat;
- NACHC's Administrative Dispute Resolution filing delayed waiting for seating of ADR Board;
- PhRMA has a lawsuit challenging legality of the ADR;
- Lilly, Astra Zeneca, Sanofi have filed suit challenging the Advisory Opinion by the General Counsel for HHS; and
- We are gathering support on the Hill in the form of a "Dear Colleague" letter.



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- The deadline for House members to sign the current “Dear Colleague” on 340B has been extended through Thursday 2/25.
- Dear Colleague is addressed to HHS Secretary-nominee Xavier Becerra and copied to Acting Secretary Norris Cochran. It asks Becerra, upon confirmation, to
 - Begin assessing civil monetary penalties on manufacturers that deny 340B pricing to covered entities in violation of their obligations under the 340B statute
 - Require manufacturers to refund covered entities the discounts they have “unlawfully withheld since 2020”
 - Halt, through guidance or other means, any attempt to unilaterally change 340B upfront discounts to post-sale rebates
 - Immediately seat the new 340B administrative dispute resolution (ADR) panel to begin processing disputes within the program.
- This letter is sponsored by the same bipartisan group of six House members that got 217 total representatives last fall—173 Democrats and 44 Republicans—to sign a letter opposing efforts to replace up-front 340B drug discounts with back-end rebates. As Friday February 12th, 112 House Members (85 Democrats, 27 Republicans) have signed on.

- **State activity:**

- SV serves as Chair of SCPHCA Legislative Committee
- Participated in meetings and press conferences related to General Assembly debate on vaccine eligibility guidelines

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- **Leadership and Staff Development:**
 - Leadership Team weekly briefings continue each Monday.
- **Covid 19 Response:**
 - Participating in weekly response team meetings and every-other-week provider briefings.
 - Responsible for compilation and submission of weekly report to HRSA which has been expanded to include vaccination data.
- **Clinical Departments:**
 - Overall:
 - Collaborated with medical staff leadership, Finance, and HR to develop defined provider employment categories to streamline recruitment and contract negotiations.
 - Department of Pediatrics:
 - Discussions with Dr. David Bowen – pediatrician with family connection and interest in settling in Greenwood – concluded with commitment for him to join us in May 2021.
 - Secured legal opinion regarding contract questions raised by Dr. Jessica Groot whose final contract commitment is still pending.

Strategic & Operational Updates

- **Clinical Departments (continued):**
 - Department of Family Medicine:
 - No specific activities to report.
 - Department of Pharmacy:
 - No specific activities to report.
 - Integrated Behavioral Health:
 - No specific activities to report.
- **Funding:**
 - No specific activities other than advocacy at the federal and state level
- **Board Development:**
 - Executive Committee meeting held February 18th
 - To be included in Executive Committee Report.

Strategic & Operational Updates

- Participated in regular meetings of those partnerships and affiliations listed. Notable activities this reporting period include:
- **OCHIN:**
 - CEO Steering Committee held monthly.
 - Also participating in monthly Progressive Leadership Lab.
 - Pleased to announce that Dr. Simons is serving as the Co-chair for the Clinical and Operations Group
- **SCPHCA:**
 - Monthly meetings of Legislative Committee, 330 Network, and Board of Directors.
 - This month I provided an update to the 330 Network on issues related to the 340B Program.
- **CIMS:**
 - Monthly meetings of Managing Partners.
 - Chair of Clinical and Care Coordination Committee which meets monthly, and in which CHC's Quality and Population Health team are active and well-respected participants.
- **Beckman Center for Mental Health Services:**
 - Community Stakeholders meeting upcoming – BHC Jessica Jacobs and I will attend virtually

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- Lead on 340B Task Force

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 - Chair of 340B/Pharmacy Access Work Group
 - Member of Task Force on Undoing Racism

Beckman Center for Mental Health Services

OCHIN CEO Steering Committee

NACHC:

- 100% turnover in Federal Affairs and Health Policy staff has resulted in:
 - Multiple meetings and briefings;
 - Request that I provide updates on 340B for all NACHC committees during upcoming Policy and Issues Forum;
 - Request for assistance in developing a 340B educational session and briefing for P&I; and
 - Countless inquiries from PCAs and health centers across the country.
- Participating as a member of the BOD task force appointed to develop an RFP and oversee vendor selection for a forensic organizational assessment, which thus far has:
 - Developed and released the RFP
 - Reviewed incoming questions and developed an FAQ document for interested vendors;
 - Received 9 proposals; and
 - Begun the process of individual review and scoring of those documents.
- Also participating on the Task Force on Undoing Racism which meets monthly.
- 2021 Policy and Issues Forum:
 - Committee meetings and educational sessions are spread over the next month; and
 - Along with three Board member, I am registered for the Board Member Boot Camp.

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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
 - Texas PCA has asked for a review of their 340B Policies and Procedures which would be billed at the hourly rate of \$125
- Planning and coordination of 2021 340B Coalition Winter Conference is complete and conference is underway
 - Health center attendance = 250
 - Sessions are ongoing now through February 25th and feedback thus far is excellent
 - 75 Hours to be billed @ \$125.00 per hour for total fee = \$9,375
 - Inquiries have been made as to our interest in continuing in the role of coordinating the health center programming for future conference

SV Personal Leave Time

January 25, 2021 – February 22, 2021

- Annual leave = 4 hours

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