



President's Report to the Board of Directors

Monday, July 26, 2021

- **Funding:**
 - Focus remains on Infrastructure Bill with \$10 billion ask for the Community Health Center Program.
- **Covid Response:** No new federal activity to report.
- **340B Drug Pricing Program:**
 - Re: Manufacturer refusal to honor 340B pricing at contract pharmacies:
 - Legal proceedings continue and may “drag on for years.”
 - House Appropriations Committee urged swift and severe action against offending manufacturers and call for new GAO (U.S Government Accountability Office) study on compliance rules.
 - Re: Data requests and resultant discriminatory reimbursement (i.e. pickpocketing):
 - PROTECT 340B bill introduced in the House by Representatives McKinley (R-WVA) and Spanberger (D-VA).
 - CHC participating on leadership team for health center information campaign – sponsored and facilitated national Q&A via Zoom on Friday, July 23rd.
 - NPRM on rescission of the Trump era Insulin/EpiPen Rule.
 - 387 organizations submitted comments/2 from CHC.

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- State activity:

- Legislative activity: nothing to report.
- SC DHEC Upstate CARES Panel: initial meeting to develop plan for continuing as a collaborative learning community with the broader agenda of addressing access and health equity in the Upstate.

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- **Leadership and Staff Development:**

- Leadership Team weekly briefings ongoing.
- Dr. Dominic Mellette and Sue Veer are in 6th week of classes in the UCLA/Johnson and Johnson Health Care Executive Program.
- Annual leadership team evaluation:
 - One evaluation complete, 2 pending, and 2 self assessments underway.
 - Developing Leadership Profile for executive Committee
- NACHC Workforce Development Grant/Health Equity:
 - Survey tool to assess staff understanding, perceptions, and attitudes regarding systemic racism distributed to initial learning group of leaders and managers. Survey closed today, July 26th.

- **Covid 19 Response:**

- In maintenance mode.
- Continue messaging to staff with current 68% vaccination rate.

**Strategic
&
Operational
Updates**

- **Administration Department:**

- Nothing to report.

- **Clinical Departments:**

- **Department of Pediatrics:**

- Meetings held to evaluate possible changes necessary to hospital call schedule at TCC.

- **Department of Family Medicine:**

- Initial meeting to develop pilot program for Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) in collaboration with Cornerstone and DAODAS.

- **Department of Pharmacy:**

- No specific action to report.

- **Integrated Behavioral Health:**

- Proceeding on two tracts for recruitment – Beckman Center partnership and CHC BH Department.

- **Funding:**

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Strategic & Operational Updates

- **Board Development activities:**
 - New Board Member Orientation conducted on Friday, July 9th.
 - Preliminary discussion with potential candidate from CFFP – scheduling call with Development Committee.

Strategic Planning activities:

- Strategic Planning meeting/discussion with clinical department heads.
- Participated in the Phase 1 Strategic Planning Session.
- Compiled the semi-annual 2018-21 Strategic Plan Progress Report.
- Working with Aly to schedule full management team meeting in preparation for August meeting with Board to review internal assessment data.

Board Development and Engagement

- 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.
- **SCPHCA:**
 - Monthly meetings of Legislative Committee, 330 Network, and Board of Directors.
- **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:**
 - Now under the oversight of Director of Behavioral Health.

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 - 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

NACHC:

- Re-elected to represent Region IV on the NACHC Board of Directors.
 - Emergency meeting held on Thursday, July 22nd to discuss response strategy to formation of Advocates for Community Health – a new advocacy organization soliciting membership from community health centers.
 - Concern is conflicting messages on the Hill.
 - Plan: meeting of the organizational leadership with 2 board members from each.
- Organizational assessment proceeding with weekly updates to oversight committee.
- Task Force on Undoing Racism evaluating vendors for health center training and development initiative.

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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:
 - TACHC Monthly retainer = \$500
 - CHCACT Quarterly retainer = \$1,250
- Pharmacy Oversight Committee has been retained by HopeHealth in Florence to be on “stand-by” for consultation as they move forward with opening 3 entity owned pharmacies.
 - Monthly retainer = \$500 (not subject to any salary allocation).
- Planning and coordination of 2021 340B Coalition Summer Conference is complete with contract secured for 2022 Winter Conference.
 - 2021 Summer Conference is underway.
 - Anticipated that 2022 Winter Conference will be held in person with a virtual option for those preferring to remain distanced.

SV Personal Leave Time

May 25, 2021 – June 27, 2021

- 8 hours of Annual Leave used (pending Board Chair approval)

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