



President's Report to the Board of Directors

Monday, March 22, 2021

- **Funding:**

- The American Rescue Plan Act signed into law March 11th includes:
 - \$7.6 billion in one-time funding for community health centers; and
 - Provisions impacting workforce, Medicaid, ACA, and VA coverage, and telehealth.
 - Full summary distributed with this report.

- **Covid Response:**

- Health Center Covid 19 Vaccine Program with direct allocation to 250 centers invited to participate and an additional 700 invitations to go out in the next 6 weeks.
 - A summary of the program distributed with this report.
- Distribution of masks for health center patients – 2 per patient based on UDS data.

- **Xavier Becerra confirmed as Secretary of Health and Human Services**

- Strong supporter of health centers as California Attorney General.
- Indication of support for 340B Covered Entities during confirmation hearings.

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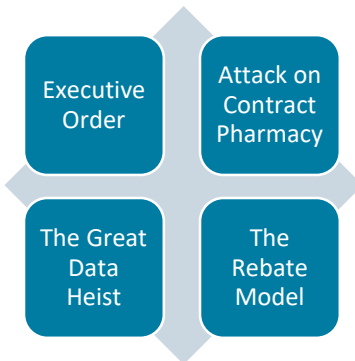


• Participation in NACHC Policy & Issues Forum (P&I)

- Board Member Boot Camp – CEO and 3 Board Members.
- 2 day conference General Sessions and educational break-outs attended by Sue Veer, Brooke Holloway, Dominic Mellette, and Rachel Davis.
- Session on 340B Policy Update presented by Sue Veer and Tim Mallett RPh.
- Participated in 2 Senate Hill visits and 2 House member Hill visits – SV took lead on 340B issues.
 - Identified a potential strong 340B champion and ally in Congressman Ralph Norman.
- 2021 NACHC Policy Papers distributed with this report.

• Developments in the 340B Arena:

- Executive Order on insulin and injectable epinephrine: proposed delay with 5 day comment period that closed @ midnight on Sunday, March 15th:
 - NACHC, along with PCAs and health center submitted comments.
 - CHC's comments distributed with this report.
- Eli Lilly awarded a temporary injunction against use of the federal Administrative Dispute Resolution process.



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- **State activity:**

- Budget request for \$8 million in health center funding remains in play.
- State delayed allocation of federal Covid relief funding in anticipation of budget shortfall that did not occur.
- DHEC has convened Regional Panels for Covid Vaccine Distribution with health center having 2 seats on each Regional Panel and CHC holding one of the seats on the Upstate Regional Panel.

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Strategic & Operational Updates

- **Leadership and Staff Development:**
 - Leadership Team weekly briefings continue each Monday.
 - All members of the team are updating emergency leadership transition plans.
- **Covid 19 Response:**
 - Participating in weekly response team meetings and every-other-week provider briefings as available.
 - Responsible for compilation and submission of weekly report to HRSA.
 - Organizational focus has shifted from testing to vaccination.
- **Clinical Departments:**
 - **Department of Pediatrics:**
 - First review of TCC proposed redesign with providers.
 - **Department of Family Medicine:**
 - Staying in the loop with moving pieces in provider coverage.
 - **Department of Pharmacy:**
 - Previously mentioned advocacy re: 340B.
 - Consulting with RX team as necessary.
 - **Integrated Behavioral Health:**
 - Attended BCMH Stakeholder Meeting.
 - Meeting being planned with individual assessing IBHS services for SCDMH.
 - CHC's first IBHS counselor hired for pediatrics with start date of 4/12/21.

- **Funding:**

- No specific activities other than advocacy at the federal and state level.
- Discussions among the leadership team in order to be prepared to respond when HRSA releases guidance on use of American Rescue Plan funds.

- **Board Development:**

- Have begun developing materials for open recruitment at clinical locations.
- Chief Pharmacy Officer has enlisted pharmacy staff to identify potential candidates.

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.
- **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:**
 - Community Stakeholders meeting upcoming – BHC Jessica Jacobs and I attended virtually.

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OCHIN CEO Steering Committee

NACHC:

- Participating as a member of the BOD task force appointed to develop an RFP and oversee vendor selection for a forensic organizational assessment. During this reporting period:
 - Evaluated 11 proposals;
 - Selected 5 vendors for interviews;
 - Conducted 5 interviews; and
 - Will present recommendation to Executive Committee of the NACHC Board on March 23rd.
- **Task Force on Undoing Racism:**
 - Evaluated 3 proposals for introductory training and selected vendor to propose to executive Committee of the Board on March 23rd.
- **Other Board activity:**
 - Participated in Board Strategic Planning session conducted virtually over 2 days; and
 - Attended meetings of the Legislative, Rural Health, Health Policy, and Health Center Finance committees during P&I, presenting on 340B issues at each.

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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.
- 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).
- Contract for planning and coordination of 2021 340B Coalition Summer Conference.

SV Personal Leave Time

February 22, 2021 – March 19, 2021

- No leave taken.

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