



**CAROLINA HEALTH CENTERS, INC.
PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019**

Advocacy and Health Policy:

Federal:

- Health Center funding: Along with Health Center advocates from across the country, I participated in a Congressional fly in last week and made a total of seven Hill visits the South Carolina delegation. While the funding plan has been avoided by the passage of a continuing resolution, this is only a temporary fix and we continue to seek a long-term resolution in the form of a multiyear authorization with incremental expansion funding. The advocacy position of the health center community is “the most amount of funding for the longest period possible.” If members of the Board of Directors are not signed up as advocates or need assistance when responding to Action Alerts, please contact Rachel Davis by email at rdavis@carolinahealthcenters.org.
- 340B Drug Pricing Program: the potential bomb was dropped on the 340B program late last week in the form of a house bill not directed specifically at 340B but at the rising cost of prescription drugs. What we believe is unintended collateral damage could be the elimination of over 250 drugs including insulin from 340B eligibility.
- Regulatory activity:
340B Drug Pricing Program: We continue to seek clarity at the regulatory level (HRSA) on the following issues: a) how health centers reflect contract pharmacy on their Scope of Project, and b) whether a sliding fee discount is required for contract pharmacy and if so, how it must be implemented.

State:

- In addition to preparing its campaign to secure state funding for the health centers, the SCPHCA is following two bills in the South Carolina General Assembly which impact on health centers:
 - Fetal heartbeat bill: This bill would make all abortion services illegal once a licensed provider detects a fetal heartbeat. The concern with this bill from a healthcare perspective is its potential chilling effect on women seeking medical services following suspected conception.
 - Multi-state provider licensing compact: SC is seeking legislative approval to join a multi-state licensing compact. Under this agreement licensed physicians can qualify

to practice medicine across state lines within the Compact if they meet the agreed upon eligibility requirements. The Primary Care Association and its member health centers are supportive of this effort as it will likely facilitate recruitment and credentialing. In addition it would enable the use of providers from across state lines in situations requiring increased capacity on an emergency basis.

CHC Staff and Leadership Development Activities:

- The fall 2019 Corporate-wide Staff Meeting will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, September 24th and the agenda for that meeting is attached for your information. Under the heading of current priorities we will be discussing life after DHR conversion, enhanced behavioral health initiative, and all things quality and population health. We will also be covering our financial performance improvement plan and its results thus far, and we have a treatment plan for the staff as a thank you for their efforts over the last several months.
- Leadership Team annual performance appraisals are underway. Self-evaluations have been distributed to all, three of which have been completed the process is complete for one senior team member and meetings are scheduled with two others.

Strategic and Operational Activities

- Administration:
 - Have notified Donna Hutchinson of the board's affirmative vote on her nomination as a director. Ms. Hutchinson has accepted the invitation to serve and will begin her service by participating in the SCPHCA Annual Conference and Board Governance Retreat. In addition, we updating CHC's New Board Member Orientation material and have scheduled Ms. Hutchinson's orientation for Wednesday, October 16th. Current members of the board who are interested and available are welcome to attend. The orientation session will begin at the administration office at 10:30 AM.
- Department of Pharmacy:
 - Continuing to monitor growth of affiliated pharmacy business.
- Department of Family Medicine:
 - No specific activity to report.
- Department of Pediatrics:
 - Continued participation in provider recruitment efforts with the goal of adequate staffing to maintain capacity in the event of provider absences
- Behavioral Health:
 - Actively facilitated the hiring of a qualified behavioral Health Coordinator through the development of the position descriptions and participation in the interview and hiring process.

Partnerships and Affiliations:

- **CIMS:**
 - Participation in regularly scheduled meetings.
 - I continue to serve on the Development and Nominating Committee as well as ex officio to the managing Partners.
 - Have been nominated to resume a Managing Partner role in the upcoming fiscal year. This will be voted on at the annual meeting which is being held January 2020.
- **SCPHCA:**
 - The 36th Annual Conference and Board Governance retreat of the SCPHCA is scheduled for Friday, October 11th through Sunday, October 13th with the 40th Anniversary Gala scheduled for Saturday evening October 12th. A total of seven people will be representing CHC including three board members – Gregory Bullard, Abby Banks, and Donna Hutchinson – along with four members of the senior leadership team. Those attending the conference will provide a report for the full board at the October meeting.

Consulting:

- Consulting engagements completed and billed during the month:
 - Design and coordination of two CHC Expert Sessions for the 340B Coalition 2019 Summer Conference. Consulting fee = \$5,500 plus waiver of \$1,000 conference registration.
- Consulting engagements in process:
 - Under contract with the Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers to develop a comprehensive statewide 340B training program that will consist of several topic specific webinars and conclude with a face-to-face capstone summit in January 2020. Total fees = \$7,500
 - Needs assessment survey developed and distributed to membership on July 15, 2019 and initial analysis and research complete.
 - First two webinars are complete and received positive reviews.
 - Design and coordination of Community Health Center Expert Sessions for the 340B Coalition 2020 Winter Conference. Negotiations are underway to increase the health center programming to three sessions in which case the consulting fee will be increased by 30%. Consulting fee = \$5,500 plus waiver of \$1,000 conference registration.
- Total billed and collected in August 2019 = 0

Miscellaneous CEO Activity:

No miscellaneous activity to report.

If you have any questions or would like additional information on any of the above my contact information is as follows:

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Report of travel and personal time July 22 – August 26, 2019

Business travel:

Sunday, September 8th – Wednesday, September 11th: Washington, DC for NACHC Congressional “Fly-In”

Personal Time:

Labor Day Holiday

Two ½ days of Annual Leave = 8 hours



**CAROLINA HEALTH CENTERS, INC.
CORPORATE STAFF MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019
LOCATION: NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
409 NORTHSIDE DRIVE WEST
GREENWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA
1:00 – 3:00 PM
GENERAL STAFF MEETING**

- ❖ Includes all CHC providers and staff
- ❖ A boxed lunch will be available beginning at 12:15 PM - Meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 PM

AGENDA

1:00 – 1:10 PM	Welcome, introductions of new staff, general announcements
1:10 – 1:30 PM	Current Corporate Priorities – Sue Veer and leadership team
1:30 – 1:45 PM	Organizational Performance Review – Paul Grogan
1:45– 1:55 PM	340B “Refresher” – Chris Christian
1:55 – 2:00 PM	Advocacy Moment – Rachel Davis
2:00 – 2:20 PM	HRSA Operational Site Visit – Brooke Holloway <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What is it?- When is it?- Why is it important?- What do we need to know?
2:20 – 2:40 PM	Open Q&A – All
2:40 – 2:55 PM	Staff Training:”Serving a Diverse Population with Competence, Compassion, and Cultural Sensitivity“
2:55 PM	Treat Time!!! - Adjourn to Break-Out Sessions

**BREAK-OUT SESSIONS
3:00 – 5:00 PM**

Provider staff – Led by Dr. Locke Simons

Clinical Support Staff – Led by Nikki Richard, MSN

PSR Meeting – Pediatrics led by Jessica Brock and Family Medicine led by Derek Bannister