



**CEO Monthly Report  
to  
CHC Board of Directors  
April 28, 2025**

Reporting Period: March 22, 2025 – April 25, 2025

**Breaking News:** Leaked copy of HRSA budget for FY2026 reflects the following changes with potential negative impact to health centers:

- \$4.26 billion in mandatory funding would be maintained.
- Discretionary CHC funding would be reduced by \$157 million (approximately 9%).
- The reduction in funding is equal to the amount set aside for the "Ending the HIV Epidemic" initiative which began during the first Trump Administration.
- Policy changes to the 340B program that would require CHC grantees to charge patients below 200% Federal Poverty Level no more than the 340B price plus a dispensing fee for all drugs purchased under 340B.
- Requests Congress provide HHS with new authority to regulate all aspects of the 340B program.
- Over a dozen primary care programs, including State Offices of Rural Health, Rural Residency Development Program, and Family Planning would be eliminated.
- NHSC, THCGME, and Nurse Corp funding would be continued at current levels while numerous other workforce programs would be eliminated.

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## Advanced Advocacy Initiatives Continue!

NACHC will host fly-ins throughout the year with health center advocates from across the country to share how Community Health Centers (CHCs) play a pivotal role in the health system and to deepen understanding and support for CHCs on Capitol Hill.

### Next Fly-in:

May 13-14, 2025

Policy Papers and Supporting Documents Available at:  
<https://www.nachc.org/policy-advocacy/nachc-fly-ins>

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- U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D. (R-LA), chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, released a report detailing findings from his years' long investigation into how covered entities use and generate revenue from the 340B Drug Pricing Program.
  - Outlines potential reforms needed to enhance patient benefit.
  - Mixed findings related to health centers.
  - Recommends reform measures focus on patient benefit and transparency.
  - Full report can be read:  
[www.help.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/final\\_340b\\_majority\\_staff\\_reportpdf.pdf](http://www.help.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/final_340b_majority_staff_reportpdf.pdf)
- Senate Gang of Six building momentum on introduction of Sustain Act.
- 340B Working Table holding f2f meetings with Senate HELP staff and lead staff in all six of the “Gang” offices.

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# Advocacy and Health Policy State Focus



- Focus on PBM reform continues:
  - LCI-3M PBM Subcommittee has held 4 weeks of testimony.
  - Sue Veer testified on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with focus on educating the members on the pivotal role health centers play in SC's health care system.
    - [www.scstatehouse.gov/video/archives.php?key=](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/archives.php?key=)
    - Tuesday, April 22, 2025 9:00 am  
House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee -- 3M-LCI  
Pharmacy Benefit Managers Ad Hoc Committee
- Despite multiple meetings with SCDHHS leadership, we (SCPHCA CEO and Sue Veer) were confidentially notified Friday of their plan to reduce the pharmaceutical component of the Medicaid MCO capitation rate by 50%.



# Strategic and Operational Updates:

## Leadership and Staff Development:

- Two “new” departments: Development Department and Human Resource Department.
- Development Department focuses on strategic positioning of CHC now and into the future.
- Functions include: marketing, communications, community outreach, interfacing with local businesses, supporting organization wide business and program development, expertise and serving as the central repository for securing and managing grant funding, and supporting the perpetuation of an effective community-based Board of Directors.
- Rachel Manner has accepted the position of Director of Development and will report to the CEO and participate in senior leadership team meeting as needed.



# Strategic and Operational Updates:

## Leadership and Staff Development (continued):

- Human Resources Department touches every current and prospective CHC employee.
- The core function, embedded in every aspect of the organization, include:
  - Recruitment, hiring, and onboarding
  - Compensation and benefits
  - Compliance
  - Training and performance management
  - Perpetuation of leadership
- CHC is actively recruiting a Chief Human Resources Officer with demonstrated experience and performance.
  - Shelley Botchie will remain in her position as HR Generalist and Vivian Poroj will continue as HR Associate.
  - Kacie McCutcheon role will transition from Contracts and Credentialing Specialist to HR Provider Specialist.
  - CHC has secured the support of a consultant to facilitate recruitment and provide senior HR interim coverage.
- Compliance has provisionally moved under Operations with the COO serving as Interim Compliance Officer and future oversight and structure being evaluated.



# Strategic and Operational Updates:

## Leadership and Staff Development (continued):

- CFO retirement effective April 18, 2025.
- Recruitment being handled internally with job posted on April 2, 2025.
- To date 55 applications have been received/32 rejected due to no relevant health care experience.
- Initial interviews planned to begin the first week of May.
- Chris Clem, CPA with Manley Garvin is providing interim CFO coverage.
- CFO direct reports temporarily reassigned:
  - Controller (Shanna Barrett) to CEO
  - Revenue Cycle Manager (Lisa Gilmer) to CEO
  - Financial Analyst and Project Manager (Kim Anderson) to COO



# Strategic and Operational Updates

- Funding:
  - Received notice from Senator Graham’s Office that the application process for FY 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending Requests (earmarks) is open. Application to support Laurens County Expansion Project is underway and due by May 15, 2015.
- Other Organizational Activities:
  - Clinical Leadership Committee, comprised of all clinical department directors, convened for first official meeting.
  - Quality and Population Health Department provided internships to two Lander Public Health students whose projects focused on food insecurity and community blessing boxes. Presentation will be shared on the Board portal. Community board members interested in assisting with food insecurity in their communities can contact NaToya Leverette, Population Health Specialist @ [nleverette@carolinahealthcenters.org](mailto:nleverette@carolinahealthcenters.org).



- **OCHIN**

- Attend regular Ambulatory Services CEO Steering Committee meetings.
- Multidisciplinary CHC team attended the Annual Learning Forum
- **CHC team hosted a site visit by our HopeHealth colleagues as they evaluate the benefits of moving to the OCHIN EPIC collaborative.**

- **SCPHCA**

- Monthly meetings of Legislative Committee (SV serves as Chair), 330 Network, and Board of Directors.
- **Other activities covered under Legislative and Health Policy.**

- **CIMS:**

- SV is one of 5 Managing Partners and serves as Chair of the Clinical Committee.
- **Held full partners meeting to fill a vacant Managing Partner position and discuss strategy related to allowing other health centers to buy in to CIMS..**

- **Self Regional Healthcare:** No new developments

- **ACO 206:** No new developments

- **Civic/Community Activities:**

- Well attended Child Abuse Prevention event.
- Lander Job Fair.

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# Consulting Activities and Speaker Engagements

- Planning is underway for the CHC specific programming for the 340B Coalition 2025 Summer Conference.
- No other consulting activities.



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