



**President and CEO  
Monthly Report  
to  
CHC Board of Directors  
January 27, 2025**

Reporting period: December 16, 2024 – January 24, 2025

# Advocacy and Health Policy Federal Focus



- Monitoring, assessing, and adapting to applicable (and potentially interpreted as applicable)

## Presidential actions:

- Revocation of “sensitive location” protection from U.S. Immigration and Enforcement actions
- Protecting the Meaning and Value of American Citizenship
- Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government
- Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing
- Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity
- Freeze on all non-emergency external communication from federal agencies including Health and Human Services

# Advocacy and Health Policy Federal Focus



- Appropriations and Status of Community Health Center Program Funding:
  - Discriminatory funding (30%) extended by Continuing Resolution through March 31, 2025.
  - Mandatory Funding (70%) extended through Continuing Resolution through March 15, 2025.
  - Total annualized rate of \$4.5 billion.
  - Pending ask for FY 2025: The NACHC Executive Committee is proposing to the full Board that NACHC hold true to the previous evidence based ask of \$5.8 billion.
- Monitoring proposals impacting Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement.

# Advocacy and Health Policy Federal Focus Heading to the Hill

**Focus:** Educate new MOC and continue demonstrating the value of the community health center model of care.

- CHC team to attend NACHC Policy and Issues Forum with Hill visits on February 8<sup>th</sup>: Sue Veer, Brooke Holloway, Miriam Ferguson, Dominic Mellette, Dr. Lance Braye. Jessica Jacobs, Rachel Manner, and Rudy Williams.
- Sue Veer and Rudy Williams attending February meeting of the South Carolina Business Council where newly elected Congresswoman Sheri Biggs will be the speaker, outlining her first term priorities.



# Current 340B “State of Play”

- Regrouping on several fronts.
- Senator Thune relinquishing lead on 340B reform.
- Senate G-3 in discreet recruitment process.
- 340B Workgroup providing BTS support to G-? while quietly crowdsourcing the idea of a SUSTAIN-like bill in the House.



- South Carolina Primary Health Care Association State Policy and Issues Forum held January 14 & 15 – first day of Session for the General Assembly. Attended by Sue Veer and Rachel Manner.
- SCPHCA legislative agenda updated to include integration of pharmacy programs and expanded scope of practice for PharmDs.
- Rachel hosted a site visit for Senator Danny Verdin, Chair of Medical Affairs Committee.
- Medicaid expansion initiative in silent mode pending clarity on direction of new Administration and Congress.
- Multi stakeholder coalition has completed first draft of state legislation to protect 340B Pharmacy Programs.

# Advocacy and Health Policy State Focus



- **Leadership and Staff Development:**
  - No new developments.
- **Funding:**
  - No new funding opportunities.
- **Administration Department:**
  - Development and Corporate Compliance Division has relocated to annex space and renovations are underway in Main Administration Office.
- **Clinical Departments:**
  - Covered in CMO Report.

## Strategic & Operational Updates



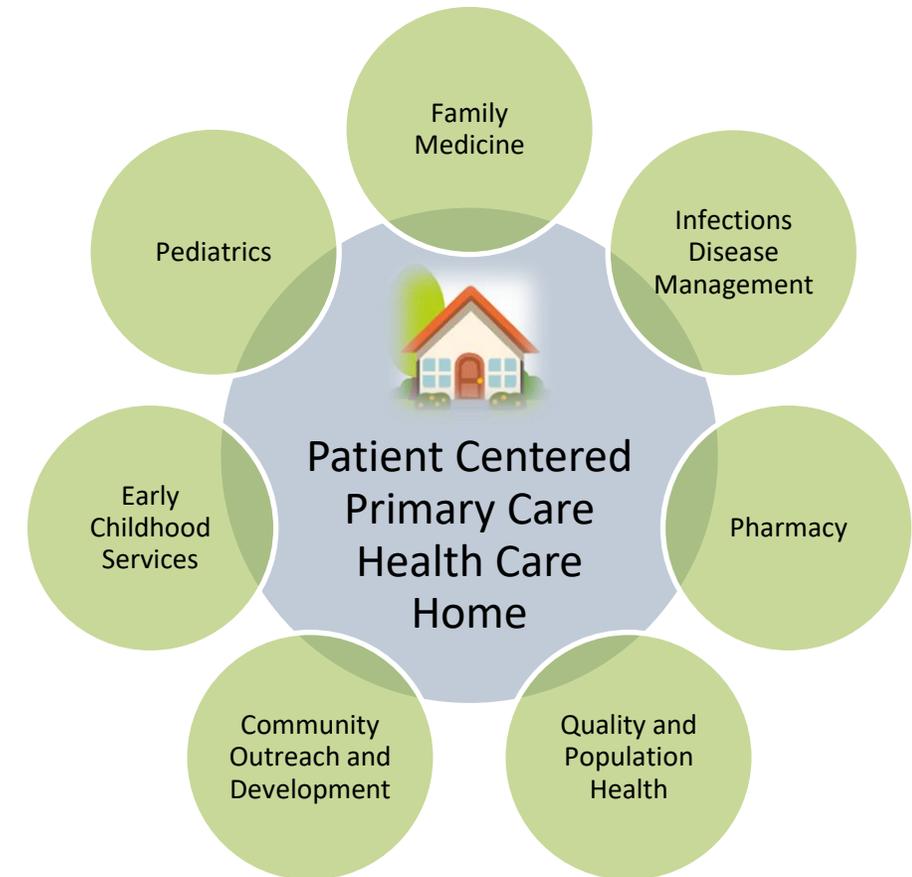
A brand is a product, service, or concept that is distinguished from others and has a **unique identity**. It can also be defined as the value a product or service has to its customers, or the way a company does business.

## What is Carolina Health Center's "brand"?

A true health care home providing whole person/whole family care that extends beyond the walls of the traditional medical practice to positively impact social drivers of health and well being.

A collective of individual compassionate and caring human beings that each care about the health and well being of others and work together to promote health equity and social justice.

A leader, convener, and partner in our communities, promoting collaborative practices that will improve the health of our communities for generations to come.



# Board Development and Community Engagement

- Executive Committee for 2024-26 Term:
  - Chair: Abby Banks
  - Vice Chair: John Britt
  - Secretary Treasurer and Chair of Finance Committee: Bonnie “Boo” Ramage
  - Chair, Strategic and Program Planning Committee: Julian Gale
  - Chair, Development and Advocacy Committee: David Otabur
- Board and Leadership Strategic Planning – Conferred with consultant Mee Moua on Board Capacity Building/forward proposal outline to Chair Abby Banks



# External Partnerships , Affiliations, and Civic Activities

- NACHC Executive Committee meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.
- Annual Policy and Issues Forum scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> with 340B Day on Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Referenced under Legislative and Health Policy.

## National Association of Community Health Centers

### **NACHC**

- Secretary of the Board of Directors/Member of the Executive Committee
- Chair, Membership Committee
- Chair Subcommittee for Pharmacy Policy and Operations
- Member of Legislative, Health Policy , Clinical Practice, and Rules Committees
- Member of Task Force on Undoing Racism
- Member of the Steering Committee for the 340B Work Group
- Member of Ad Hoc Task Force for revision of Mission, Vision, and Values

External  
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Activities

- OCHIN:
  - Attend regular CEO Steering Committee meetings.
  - CHC team will attend Annual Learning Forum
- SCPHCA:
  - Monthly meetings of Legislative Committee (SV serves as Chair), 330 Network, and Board of Directors.
- CIMS:
  - SV is one of 5 Managing Partners and serves as Chair of the Clinical Committee.
  - Currently attending CIMS Annual Meeting in Columbia, SC.
- Self Regional Healthcare
  - No specific progress to report.
- ACO 206:
  - Development and implementation proceeding on schedule.
- Civic Activities:
  - Sponsoring and participating in Art Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Battle of the Brushes.

## Consulting Activities and Speaker Engagements

- Serving as moderator for Rural Health Policy Panel at NACHC Policy and Issues Forum.
- Program development is proceeding for the 340B Coalition 2025 Winter Conference to be held in February.
- Serving on Program Planning Committee and as speaker on C-Suite Panel at 340B Grantee Spring 2025 Conference.



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