



# CEO Monthly Report to CHC Board of Directors February 17, 2025

Reporting period: January 24, 2025 – February 14, 2025

# Advocacy and Health Policy Federal Focus



- Continuing to monitoring, assess, and adapt as appropriate to applicable Presidential actions.
- Community Health Center Program funding remains in question:
  - 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.
  - Current “ask” of \$5.8 billion.
- Closely following proposals for Medicaid “savings”.
- Actively participated in NACHC P&I.
- Met with newly elected Congresswoman Sheri Biggs at South Carolina Business Council Meeting.
  - Plan for a Third District Office in Greenwood.

- Reconstitution of Gang of Six (Eight?) underway with indications that SUSTAIN 2.0 to be introduced in the near term.
- Senator Bill Cassidy (Chair, Senate HELP Committee) stated his intent for 340B reform to be accomplished in 119<sup>th</sup> Congress.
- Members of the 340B Working Table (including Veer and Williams) met with seven House congressional offices to lay the groundwork for introduction of a House bill based on the principles in the SUSTAIN Act.

## Current 340B “State of Play”

The logo features the text "340B" in a yellow, sans-serif font above the word "SPOTLIGHT" in a white, sans-serif font. A magnifying glass icon is positioned over the letter "O" in "SPOTLIGHT", with its handle pointing downwards and to the left.

340B  
SPOTLIGHT

- A primary focus remains the introduction of state legislation to protect 340B Pharmacy Programs. CHC along with HopeHealth have served on the multi-stakeholder coalition and assisted in the development of the draft language.
- Bill in House passed committee to allow for permanent licensure of physicians.
- Other scope of practice bills are growing legs.
- Confirmation hearings for SCDHHS Director next week.
- For many other activities at the state level the advice is to: *“Take and deep breath and watch!”*

# Advocacy and Health Policy State Focus



- **Leadership and Staff Development:**
  - Focus on communication emphasizing the stability of values and corporate culture in light of the “noise” associated with the current political climate.
- **Funding:**
  - No new funding opportunities to address.
- **Administration Department:**
  - Renovation and realignment of office space in Main Administration Office nearing completion.
- **Clinical Departments:**
  - Meeting held with Ryan White team at HopeHealth to prepare CHC to facilitate enhanced Infectious Disease Services and maintain collaborative relationship with community partners in the HIV/AIDS space.
  - Additional details 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



- NACHC Executive Committee meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.
- **Participate in monthly Combined Policy Calls with NACHC's Public Policy Team.**
- Multidisciplinary CHC team participated in Annual Policy and Issues Forum February 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> with 340B Day on Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>.

## External Partnerships , Affiliations, and Civic Activities

### 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

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- OCHIN:
  - Attend regular CEO Steering Committee meetings.
  - CHC team will attend Annual Learning Forum
  - CHC has been asked to provide consulting services to two other community health centers
- 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.
- Self Regional Healthcare
  - CHC declined to serve as contract pharmacy for SRH due to risk of duplicate discounts.
  - CEO Matt Logan has expressed renewed interest in collaboration in Ware Shoals.
- ACO 206:
  - Development and implementation proceeding on schedule.
- Civic Activities:
  - Board Chair, Abby Banks is a featured speaker Women's Leadership Upstate Conference 2025.

## Consulting Activities and Speaker Engagements

- Program development is complete for the 340B Coalition 2025 Winter Conference to be held in February.
  - Dr. Dominic Mellette and Sue Veer both serving as panelists for the Coalition.
- Serving on Program Planning Committee and as speaker on C-Suite Panel at 340B Grantee Spring 2025 Conference.
- No other consulting activities underway.



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