

Carolina Health Centers



Meeting Minutes by:

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Board of Directors Meeting

Date: March 24th, 2025

Attending Chair: Abby Banks

Board of Directors:			Staff		
Name:	Present	Absent	Name:	Present	Absent
Banks, Abby – Chairperson	X		Veer, Sue	X	
Bishop, Johanna	X		Simons, Locke	X	
Britt, John – Vice Chair		X	Ferguson, Miriam		X
Brown, Rodriguis	X		Grogan, Paul		X
Ferguson, Gail	X		Mellette, Dominic	X	
Gale, Julian	X		Manner, Rachel	X	
Jennings, Sojourner	X		Jones, Takeria		X
Kapetanakos, Kimberly	X				
Luna, Mario	X				
O’Neal, Malcolm	X		Guests:		
Otabor, David	X				
Ramage, Bonnie (Boo)	X				
Bullard, Greg (ex-officio)	X				

<u>Agenda Item</u>		<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Decision/Action</u>
Call to Order	Abby Banks	Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 6:00pm	
Invocation	Locke Simons	Dr. Simons led with a brief invocation.	
Attendance	Rachel Manner	The quorum was confirmed.	
Approval of Board Minutes		Approval of February 2025 Meeting Minutes.	Unanimously approves on motion by Otabor/Luna.

Leadership Team Reports:

President’s Report (Monthly)	Sue Veer	Advocacy & Health Policy Federal & Federal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President signed a CR that secures funding for the FY until Sept 30th CR extended Medicare telehealth flexibilities and ability for Medicare pts to access BH through telehealth 	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy efforts are ongoing to explore opportunities for strengthening HC funding withing the reconciliation process • Closely monitoring Medicaid reforms, including potential eliminations of expansion states, Medicaid work requirements, and reduced FMAP, all of which could significantly impact HC operations • Following proposal to redirect 340B savings back to Medicaid, potentially eliminating HC margins <p><u>340B Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gang of Six has been reconstituted. Plan to continue utilizing the existing 340B working table. Will meet mid-to-late April • Full-day meeting scheduled for April 1st to address remaining policy issues and reach consensus among stakeholders • HHS Director, Tom Engels, has issued a letter opposing manufacturer-imposed rebate models on 340B <p><u>State Focus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eunice Medina confirmed as new SC DHHS Director • General Assembly increased Medicaid budget by \$5 million • Strong focus on PBM reform, including Senate bill (S342) aiming to address discriminatory reimbursement for 340B drugs • APP Bill allowing independent practice for APPs moving through Senate <p><u>Strategic & Operational Updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Session to discuss current state of leadership and staff development programs • Risk management assessment completed by FACKTOR recommended the hiring of dedicated Risk Manager • Consultant will provide interim 	
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		<p>staffing and recruitment support for Risk Manager position</p> <p><u>External Partnerships, Affiliations, and Civic Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Action Support Team (FAST) is meeting weekly to discuss executive orders, consequential lawsuits, and related legal terms • Biggest FAST concern: potential grant requirements to document citizenship status, which could violate FQHC statutes • CHC remains the only Ochin Epic collaborative HC in SC <p><u>ACO Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five HCs are participating in a Medicare Shared Savings Plan ACO <p>A copy of the full report will be retained with the official copy of the minutes.</p>	
Organizational Performance Report	Paul Grogan	<p>Ms. Veer gave the Organizational Performance report on behalf of Mr. Grogan covering the following metrics: Total Encounters, Average Visits, Collections, Days in Total Accounts Receivable, Prescriptions Filled, FQHC Vs. Retail, Profit/Loss, and Cash on Hand. The following were notable observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total encounters are rising • Family Medicine encounters exceeded the prior year • Pediatric encounters below previous years <p>A copy of the full report will be retained with the official copy of the minutes.</p>	<p><u>Action Item:</u></p> <p>No action items</p>
CMO Report	Dr. Locke Simons	<p>Dr. Simons provided the monthly CMO Report covering the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Quality metrics are improving from previous month • 2-year vaccination rates remain low, particularly for flu shots 	<p><u>Action Item:</u></p> <p>No action items</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depression screening rates have declined, potentially due to the calendar-year-based requirement • QI Committee: Ongoing roster management, flu shot initiative resulted in modest increase, Provider Enhancement Program (PEP) meetings are providing a platform for providers to share ideas and best practices, quarterly meetings for FM department have been well-attended, efforts underway to establish monthly meeting for Dept of Pediatrics • Risk Management: Updated labels for sample Rxs to ensure clear instructions, Colorectal Cancer Screening Assessment efforts are ongoing to improve knowledge base, workflows, and information dissemination, searching for suitable electronic incident reporting system to streamline reporting and tracking • Training completion rate hit 95% for 2024 • Referral completion rate has improved significantly and is approaching goal of 75% <p>A copy of the full report will be retained with the official copy of the minutes.</p>	
Quarterly Report: Department of Pharmacy	Dominic Mellette, PharmD		
Distribution Only:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Quality and Population Health Measures ii. Monthly RX Dashboard iii. Behavioral Health Reports 		
Committee Reports:			
Executive Committee	Abby Banks	No Report.	
Development and Advocacy Committee	David Otabor	No Report.	
Finance Committee	Boo Ramage	No Report	
Strategic and Program Planning	Julian Gale	No Report.	

Committee			
Discussion Action Items: Standing Agenda items			
Grassroots Advocacy Report	Information included in President's Report		
Review of Corporate Policies	No Report.		
Old Business	No Report.		
New Business			<p>The Board went into Executive Session on a motion by Gale/Bishop and unanimously approved.</p> <p>The Board came out of Executive Session on a motion by O'Neal/Jennings and unanimously approved.</p> <p>The Board voted to ratify the terms for the CEO Employment Agreement recommended and agreed upon in Executive Session on a motion by Otabor/Gale and unanimously approved.</p>
Next Meeting	April 28, 2025		
Adjournment			Adjourned by full consensus.
Board Chairman Abby Banks	Electronic Signature		