Federally Qualified Health Centers

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FQHC Basics

- Serve a Medically Underserved Area or Population (MUA/MUP)
- Operate a Sliding Fee Schedule
- Serve all patients, regardless of ability to pay
- Have a community Governing Board made up of at least 51% regular users of health center services
- Offer comprehensive primary and preventative healthcare services, including oral and behavioral services
HRSA Expectations:
Mission and Strategy

- Increase access to care
- Improve health outcomes
- Reduce health disparities
- Collaborate with other organizations
- Operate efficiently and productively
- Address utilization of appropriate services
HRSA Expectations: Governance

The Health Center Board

- Meets monthly, assumes full authority and oversight
- Conducts strategic planning (with management and community)
- Determines services and hours of operation
- Monitors and evaluates health center performance
- Selects, evaluates and dismisses CEO
- Establishes general policies (operations, personnel, clinical/fiscal)
- Revises mission, goals, and plans based on community feedback
- Approves budget & ensures financial stability of health center
FQHC Board Composition

- Majority of Board must be users of the FQHC’s services and represent the service area’s demographics
- Must have between 9-25 members
- Non-user members must be representative of the community and should be selected for expertise in a variety of areas
- No more than half of the non-user members can be individuals who derive more than 10% of their income from the healthcare industry
- No board member may be an employee of the center or be an immediate family member of an employee
FQHC Federal Cost Saving Benefits

- Prospective Payment System
- 340B Drug Program
- National Health Service Corps (NHSC)
- Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA)
- Expansion Opportunities
- Other Federal Grant and Loan Opportunities
Florida’s FQHC Statistics

- 48 FQHCs operating in Florida
- More than 320 service locations (2012 data)
- More than 1,200,000 total patients (2012 data)
- More than 4,000,000 total encounters (2012 data)
- Since 2004, FQHCs have seen more than 300,000 new patients – a majority of which are uninsured
Stable Cost of FQHC Service Provision in Florida

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FACHC & Florida Health Centers

- FQHCs are committed to provide quality and affordable primary care services, dental services and behavioral health for the entire family.

- FACHC works with federal and state entities such as HRSA, BPHC and congressional offices - AHCA, DOH, Governor’s Office, Legislature and even meet with local city and county governments and Health District Boards.

- The Association has experienced staff to assist with technical assistance, emergency response, clinical issues, Board regulations, health center management and government assistance.
Federal Issues Facing Florida’s FQHCs Going Forward:
Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act

- 2010 - Affordable Care Act passed by Congress and President Obama

- Expands Medicaid eligibility and provides that the federal government pick up 100% of the costs for the first few years and 90% of the costs (states 10%) thereafter

- 2010 ACA included considerable funding for FQHCs
  - New locations
  - Expansion of services

- Also included more funds for state to expand Medicaid ($2.2 Billion)
FQHC Strategy
for the future

- FACHC has demonstrated the value of FQHC’s cost-effective primary care to Legislators, health agency staff and other stakeholders. The Association has established partnerships to strengthen the health care safety-net for the future.

- FQHCs have a new footing with managed care companies and influential stakeholders as we seek to progress in a coordinated effort to proactively respond and shape public policy in the future.

- Our goal is to provide health centers a solid foundation to thrive in the changing health care landscape. Change is certain.
FACHC has demonstrated the value of the primary care medical home.

Studies of medical home/primary care demonstrations conducted nationwide have resulted in cost reductions, resource improvements, and improved patient outcomes.

A study conducted by the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services revealed increased investment in Florida FQHC community based primary care could result in mitigating $4.7 billion in emergency room expenditures.

Implementing Patient-Centered Medical Home:
- $189.3 - $567.8 million in savings due to improved access

A FACHC analysis has determined that FQHCs in Florida produce savings at a rate of $5 to $1.

both publications available on FACHC website
Questions or Comments?

FACHC very much wants to be successful in meeting the needs of our membership in advancing their mission in the provision of cost-effective, quality primary care to all residents of Florida.

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