Who Are We?

The Virginia Community Healthcare Association is comprised of twenty-eight Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and one Rural Health Center (RHC) that operate 131 healthcare delivery sites throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Two of the FQHC organizations are headquartered out-of-state.

Community Health Centers have been serving Virginia since 1970. The state association has existed for over 34 years.
Where Are We?

What Do We Do?

- Community Health Centers provide high-quality, comprehensive primary medical care services with a culturally sensitive, family-oriented focus to anyone needing care regardless of their ability to pay.

- A Community Health Center must serve a defined geographic area that is federally designated, in whole or in part, as a Medically Underserved Area (MUA) or having a Medically Underserved Population (MUP). Most Community Health Centers operate in areas also designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).

- Each Community Health Center is a separately incorporated non-profit organization governed by a local Board of Directors. A majority of the board’s membership must be consumers of services of the center.
How Are We Funded?

- Federal Grant Support: 22%
- Medicaid, SCHIP, Medicare: 29%
- Patient Self-Pay, Private Third Party Reimbursement: 23%
- Resources Raised from Other Sources: 26%

Total Funding for 2012: $183,000,000

Who Do We Serve?

In 2012, Association members in Virginia conducted 1,070,000 patient visits for over 297,000 clients.

In 2012, approximately 63% of the patients seen by our members are at or below 150% of the federal poverty level – 38.8% were uninsured.
How Do We Operate?

• Community Health Centers in Virginia employee over 900 physicians, dentists, behavioral health specialists, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, nurses and other healthcare providers. Total employment in 2012 was over 1800 employees.
• In addition to direct care, Community Health Centers also offer lab, x-ray and other diagnostic services.
• Community Health Centers also provide patient case management, interpreter/translation services, and referral services.
• A center must offer extended hours to meet the needs of the patients. The extended hours vary from community to community.

How Are We Preparing for the Future?

• Many Community Health Centers have built and expanded current facilities.

• All Community Health Centers have implemented Electronic Health Records and are on schedule to achieve CMS Meaningful Use certification.

• The majority of Community Health Centers are in the process of gaining NCQA recognition as Patient Centered Medical Homes.
How Are We Preparing for the Future?

• Many Community Health Centers are engaging in Team Based Care Models for practicing to the highest level of provider certification.

• Many Community Health Centers have increased utilization of telemedicine and several have implemented telehealth services.

• Many Community Health Centers are utilizing the expansion of the National Health Services Corp to supply additional providers.

What Does the Future Hold?

Health Insurance Marketplace: 100,000 Virginians are eligible for subsidies/credits to purchase insurance.

Medicaid Eligibility Expansion: Up to 400,000 Virginians would be eligible for coverage – including 60-70% of currently uninsured patients of Community Health Centers.

In addition to the 300,000 patients they currently serve, Community Health Centers have prepared to increase capacity to an additional 100,000 insured patients.
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