

# FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Health Center Colleague:

The nation's health system continues to evolve. Change is constant as the nation moves to rein in costs and assure a more efficient and effective health system.

In the midst of transition and turbulence — community health centers have shown strength and resiliency. Our goal has been not only to keep pace with change, but to ensure that we retain relevance to the future and leadership in health care delivery.

We have done our work well these past two years. Approaching our Community Health Institute (CHI) in August, we take pride in a record of accomplishment.

Each of us has pressed forward strengthening our health centers to better respond to needs in our communities. We have extended our reach — serving more patients including seniors, veterans and broad segments of the population in need of accessible primary care. We have put ourselves at the forefront of major initiatives to end the transmission of AIDS, to address opioid and substance addiction and to expand behavioral and mental health services. Importantly, we have grown in collaboration to meet challenges and to ensure that we have the tools, workforce and resources to deliver results. Moreover, in our strong advocacy we have raised our voices on issues that impact the health and future of our patients and communities.

Today's health centers are seen as leaders offering solutions to the nation's most critical health problems while driving forward the innovation to ensure greater quality and savings in health care. Public support continues to build for the Health Center Program and we are hopeful that action will soon be taken by the Congress to reauthorize the Community Health Center Fund and ensure long-term, sustained funding to support our work going into the future.

As I come to the close of my term of office as NACHC Board Chair, I want to express my thanks to everyone for your support and for your commitment to the Health Center Mission. I look forward to seeing you at the CHI in Chicago, August 18th – 20th as we look to the future and continue our journey.

Sincerely, 

James E. Luisi  
Chair of the Board  
National Association of Community Health Centers



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