Welcome! Following an historic year of unprecedented challenge, we convene for our annual NACHC Community Health Institute & EXPO to assess progress and to press forward in our mission to bring greater equity into the nation’s health system.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has been profound. For all of us, it has been a game changer. It has moved us in new directions affecting modes of operation – our delivery of health care – how we relate to each other. It has caused us to rethink the future in terms of our growing responsibilities as health providers and protectors of communities. It has challenged us to look inward – to assess and take a hard look at what will be needed in terms of organizational strength and effectiveness to ensure relevance to the future.

We have made significant strides. Community Health Centers have answered the nation’s call for testing, screening, education, and vaccinations in hard-pressed minority and other underserved communities. We have become a stronger and coordinated team opening new channels to generate communication and exchange of information from across the health center spectrum. Looking beyond COVID-19, we also have not stopped short setting forth the strategic, foundational pillars that will be needed to sustain long-term health center growth and development.

Our actions and advocacy on many levels have helped to secure resources and build strong support for the Health Center Program. And as the nation has awakened to the harm and consequences of glaring health inequities, more have come to recognize our vital role in addressing injustice and the value of a community-based system of primary care to give more Americans a chance for healthy and productive lives.

What we have accomplished speaks to your dedicated work as consumer board members, health center directors, clinicians, and staff. No less, it is the product of our collective strength – our unity and leadership. As we mark the 50th anniversary of NACHC, we celebrate our ongoing partnership: a partnership in both mission and spirit that has enabled us to become “Change Leaders” – transforming America’s health care.

On behalf of the NACHC Board, let me express sincere appreciation for your invaluable contributions this past year and your sustained support of our Association. Also special thanks to our State/Regional Primary Care Associations and Health Center Controlled Networks and our many partners, lawmakers, and community stakeholders who share the vision of a healthier future for a stronger America.

Tom Van Coverden
President and CEO
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**GENERAL SESSION UPDATES**

**Sunday, August 22, 2021 • 3:00pm – 5:00pm**

**CGS1**  
*Opening General Session*

**Welcome**

*Michael A. Holmes*, Chair-Elect, National Association of Community Health Centers

**Keynote**

*Michael C. Bush*

Michael C. Bush is CEO of Great Place to Work, the global research and analytics firm that produces the annual *Fortune 100 Best Companies to Work For* list, the *World’s Best Workplaces* list, the *100 Best Workplaces for Women* list, the *Best Workplaces for Diversity* list, and dozens of other distinguished workplace rankings around the world. He is a former member of President Obama’s White House Business Council and a founding board member of the private equity seed fund, Fund Good Jobs, which invests in small inner-city businesses.

Michael brings to our health center audience a high energy and thoroughly entertaining keynote address that is highly relevant to today’s workplace on how creating a culture of inclusion can drive innovation.

**Monday, August 23, 2021 • 10:30am – 12:30pm**

**CGS2**  
*General Session*

**America’s Health Centers: Change Leaders in Health Care for the Future**

*An Overview on the Road Ahead*

**Speakers:**

*Tom Van Coverden*, President and CEO, NACHC  
*Joe Dunn*, Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Research, NACHC  
*Vacheria Tutson*, Director for Regulatory Affairs, NACHC

**EDUCATION SESSION UPDATES**

**Monday, August 23, 2021 • 3:15pm – 4:30pm**

**CMC3**  
*Responding to COVID-19 in Homeless Populations: Lessons Learned and Looking Ahead*

*Dewey Wooden*, Director, Behavioral Health, Orange Blossom Family Health, will also present.

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021 • 1:30pm – 2:45pm**

**CTuD2**  
*Secrets to Sustainable Advocacy*

*Yvonne G. Davis*, Consumer/Board Member Representative, NACHC Board of Directors, Health Care Partners of South Carolina, will also present.