

## Statement on Data Governance

*Data governance instills trust in the use of data and related sources across systems as it sets a framework to guide the usability, integrity, and security of health center data.*

Data quality, security, and privacy are essential components of the community health center’s mission. As we move into the next generation of digital and value-based healthcare, NACHC believes that data governance increasingly plays an essential role in the success of health centers.

In 2021, NACHC embarked on the development and implementation of a data governance framework. This began with the convening of a data governance council to establish policies and procedures that ensure high-quality and secure data collection and usability for NACHC and our partners.

The NACHC Data Governance Council convenes monthly to address data sharing and usage matters; review and vote on requests for NACHC data; and share best practices. The council includes representatives from NACHC, health centers, and other partner organizations to effectively address both internal responsibilities (pertaining to data collected by NACHC) and external responsibilities (pertaining to data collected by others). Key areas of focus include data security and privacy practices, standardization of data use agreements, and the establishment of a streamlined method for processing data requests from external organizations.

NACHC supports health centers in their data governance journey and encourages health centers to engage with NACHC as they develop their own data governance infrastructure. NACHC’s evidence-based data governance materials are available for health centers, PCAs, and HCCN upon request, and NACHC offers educational resources on data governance on our website.

If you have questions or would like to learn more, please contact us at [informatics@nachc.org](mailto:informatics@nachc.org).

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