

August 22, 2008

Ms. Shakema Sanders, MSA
Business Manager
Virginia Department of Health
Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy
109 Governor Street, 10th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Ms. Sanders:

Attached is the annual report from the Virginia Primary Care Association, dba as the Virginia Community Healthcare Association for Agreement Number: 07-559-2.vpca.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

R. Neal Graham
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure

cc: Karen Remley, MD, MBA, State Health Commissioner
Kim Snead, Executive Director, Joint Commission on Health Care
The Honorable Lacey E. Putney Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Harry R. Purkey, Chairman, House Finance Committee
The Honorable Charles J. Colgan, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
Debbie Oswalt, Executive Director, Virginia Health Care Foundation

***Improving Access to Pharmacy Services Through
Virginia's Community Health Centers, Migrant Health Centers, Health Care for the Homeless
Programs and Rural Health Clinics***

Presented by the Virginia Primary Care Association

To

Commissioner of Health
Senate Finance Committee
House Appropriations Committee
Joint Commission on Health Care
Virginia Department of Health

August 31, 2008

Section I - The Commonwealth of Virginia General Assembly appropriated funds to the Virginia Primary Care Association (VPCA) *"for the purchase of pharmaceuticals and medically necessary pharmacy supplies, and to provide pharmacy services to low income, uninsured patients of Community and Migrant Health Centers throughout Virginia.*

Summary of our results for the year ending June 30, 2008 follows:

- ***Funds*** allocated have been ***expended for the following purposes:***
 - *Purchase of medications*, partnering with local pharmacies, including paying dispensing fees
 - Purchase or upgrade computers to run *The Pharmacy Connection software*, maintain license of product and obtain latest version of TPC
 - *Staff* and associated office supplies and postage to operate an enhanced patient medication assistance program

- Virginia's community health centers have leveraged \$433,750 of state funding into more than \$29,693,430 (average wholesale price) worth of medications through accessing corporate indigent pharmaceutical programs to assist some of the Commonwealth's neediest citizens.

- Medications have been made available to over ***56,673 low income and uninsured Virginians*** in over 60 counties/municipalities throughout the Commonwealth.

- That means that on average, ***every \$1 invested leveraged over \$68 worth of medications*** (average wholesale cost).

- ***Sixty percent of this assistance has helped the poorest of the poor-*** those under 100 percent of the federal poverty level. The remaining funds assisted those under 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

- The average per patient cost was \$7.65. The average per patient value of medication received was \$523.94.

For the twelve months ending June 30, 2008, our centers have served a total of **56,673 patients** with the following characteristics:

Patient characteristics

Gender of patients served:
65.9% female, 34.1% male

Ethnicity of patients served:
8.4% Hispanic 31.9% African-American
51.0% Caucasian 1.1% Asian
7.7% Other

Federal Poverty levels of patients served:
60.4% @ or below 100%
An additional 26.5% @ or below 150%
An additional 13.1% @ or below 200%

Age breakdown for patients served:
1.3% 0 - 18
17.5% 19 - 35
73.4% 36 - 64
7.5% 65 years and older

The **most prevalent diseases treated** and for which medications were prescribed and received through this program continue to be for the following chronic diseases:

- Hypertension/heart disease
- Diabetes
- Depression
- Asthma/Allergies
- Anti-coagulants

Section II - The Commonwealth of Virginia General Assembly appropriated \$750,000 in funds to the Virginia Primary Care Association (doing business as the Virginia Community Healthcare Association), *“to expand existing or develop new community health centers in medically underserved and economically disadvantaged areas of the Commonwealth.”*

Recipient Organization	Location of Project	Projected # New Patients to be Served
Laurel Fork Health Commission	Renovation and construction costs for a new health center in Floyd. Opened May of 2008.	1,500
Capital Area Health Network	Construction cost for a new Dental Department at the Glenwood Medical Center in Richmond. Opened February of 2008.	1,000
Central Virginia Health Services	Renovation and construction of a new health center in Louisa. Opened in April of 2008.	2,500
Central Virginia Health Services	Renovation and construction of a new health center in Petersburg. Opened in June of 2008.	2,500
Central Virginia Health Services	Renovation and construction of a new health center in Fredericksburg. Opened February of 2008.	2,000
Southwest Virginia Community Health System	Planning and architectural costs for the addition of dental services in the health center in Saltville. Projected date of operation is June of 2009.	1,500
Total		11,000

Section III - The Commonwealth of Virginia General Assembly appropriated \$175,000 in funds to the Virginia Primary Care Association (doing business as the Virginia Community Healthcare Association), “to expand access to care provided through community health centers”

Outreach Funding Report – 2006-07

Recipient Organization	Location of Project	# New Patients Projected to be Served – type/service
Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services	Alexandria	500 (elderly)
Bland County Medical Clinic	Bastian	500 (children - dental)
Blue Ridge Medical Center	Arrington	450 (elderly)
Capital Area Health Network	Richmond	1,000 (children - dental)
Capital Area Health Network	Richmond	1,000 (dental – new service)
Central Virginia Health Services	Louisa	2,500 (new site)
Central Virginia Health Services	Fredericksburg	2,000 (new site)
Central Virginia Health Services	Petersburg	2,500 (new site)
Craig Health Center	Richmond	200 (Hispanic females)
Daily Planet	Richmond	500 (homeless children)
Eastern Shore Rural Health Systems	Nassawadox	750 (migrant workers)
Laurel Fork Health Commission	Floyd	1,500 (new site)
Laurel Fork Health Commission	Carroll County	500 (adults with diabetes)
Loudon Community Health Center	Leesburg	500 (elderly)
New Horizons Healthcare	Roanoke	450 (ESL patients)
New Horizons Healthcare	Roanoke	250 (children in public housing)
Southwest Virginia Community Health Systems	Tazewell	1,000 (adults with CVD)
Southwest Virginia Community Health Systems	Saltville	1,000 (dental new site)
Total		16,600