

August 2, 2024

Dear Fellow NACHC Member:

At the 2024 House of Delegates, the NACHC membership will elect a Vice-Speaker of the House, Secretary, and Consumer/Board Member Representative to the NACHC Executive Committee, as well as one Clinician Representative and one Health Center Board Member Representative to the NACHC Board.

I am pleased to announce an outstanding slate of candidates expressing their commitment to NACHC and community health centers. The Nominating Committee has reviewed and verified each declared candidate's petitions and prepared the enclosed summary list for your information.

While this represents the final opportunity for candidates to provide information to the membership, NACHC's bylaws allow for potential additional nominees to be proposed from the floor of the House of Delegates. Should that occur, and provided those candidates meet the eligibility criteria, those individuals would be added to the ballot.

This year, the registration and credentialing process to participate in the House of Delegates and all voting is being conducted electronically. More information is available on NACHC's website: <a href="https://www.nachc.org/about-nachc/house-of-delegates-and-elections/">https://www.nachc.org/about-nachc/house-of-delegates-and-elections/</a>

Whether participating in-person in Atlanta or remotely, all House of Delegates activity occurs Saturday, August 24, between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. ET.

If you have any questions about NACHC's nominations and election process, please contact Susan Hansen at the NACHC office (301-347-0400 x 2010 or shansen@nachc.org).

Sincerely,

Merrill Thomas

Chair, Nominating Committee

# **VICE-SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE (Executive Committee Office)**

# Veronica Clarke

President and CEO TCA Health, Inc. Chicago, Illinois

### **MEMBERSHIP HISTORY:**

- Organizational Membership: TCA Health, Inc., since 207, a member in good standing
- Individual Membership: since 2016, a member in good standing

### NACHC SERVICE HISTORY:

**Elected Office: Yes**Vice Speaker, 2023-2024

Regional Representative to the NACHC Board: Yes

Region 5 Representative, 2022-2023

Committee, Subcommittee, or Task Force Chair: Yes Vice Chair, Legislative Committee, 2024-present

Committee, Subcommittee, or Task Force Member: Yes

Bylaws Committee, 2020-2021
Health Care in Public Housing Task Force, 2020-present
Health Policy Committee, 2022-present
Legislative Committee, 2020-present
LGBTQIA+ Health Task Force, 2022-2023
Rules Committee, 2024-present
Subcommittee on Health Center Financing, 2022-2023

Represented NACHC or health centers on DHHS Task Forces/Workgroups? No

# **Henry Tuttle**

President and CEO
Health Cener Partners of Southern California
San Diego, California

### **MEMBERSHIP HISTORY:**

- Organizational Membership: Health Care Partners of Southern California, since 2014, a member in good standing
- Individual Membership: since 2014, a member in good standing

### **NACHC SERVICE HISTORY:**

**Elected Office: No** 

Regional Representative to the NACHC Board: No

Committee, Subcommittee, or Task Force Chair: No

Committee, Subcommittee, or Task Force Member: Yes Health Center Controlled Networks Task Force, 2014--present Health Policy Committee, 2014-present Legislative Committee, 2024-present

Represented NACHC or health centers on DHHS Task Forces/Workgroups? No

Testimony before the U.S. Congress on NACHC's behalf? No

### Other NACHC Service?

Attended Policy and Issues Forum and CHI since 2009; attended PCA/HCCN Conference since 2014; attended Winter Strategy meetings 2016-2020 and 2024; numerous webinars

Developed the field listening framework for NACHC Board Chair, Jim Luisi. Facilitated, recorded field listening sessions and complied results for the Chair's Report to the Board.

# **VERONICA CLARKE, CONTINUED**

### Testimony before the U.S. Congress on NACHC's behalf? No

### Other NACHC Service?

Attended Policy and Issues Forum – 2003-present; CHI – 2004-present; FOM/IT – 2007-present; PCA/HCCN Conference – 2023; Winter Strategy meetings – 2019-present

### **NATIONAL/STATE SERVICE HISTORY:**

- University of Illinois-School of Public Health, Executive Advisory Board 2024
- South Side Healthy Community Organization, Immediate Past Chair of the Board-2022; Board Member - 2021-present
- NACHC, FOM/IT Steering Committee Member 2022-2023
- Illinois PCA, Board Chair-2019-2020; Past Chair 2020-2021; Board Member & Regional Representative - 2022-present
- HCCN/PTECH Board Co-Chair 2019-present
- South Side Health Care Collaborative, Chair 2018-present

### **OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:**

I have served as the President & CEO of Chicago's TCA Health since 206. TCA Health has a diverse patient community in the far Southside of Chicago and has extended healthcare services into Northwest Indiana.

In addition to my executive duties, I am the current Vice Speaker of the House, and serving on NACHC's Executive Committee. I am committed to my community and have served as Board Chair of several nonprofits in the Chicago area.

I believe that healthcare is a fundamental right and not a privilege reserved for a few. We can create a healthcare landscape truly equitable and accessible to all by prioritizing inclusivity, cultural competence and proactive community engagement.

It would be my great honor to continue to serve as the Vice Speaker of the House.

# **HENRY TUTTLE, CONTINUED**

### **NATIONAL/STATE SERVICE HISTORY:**

- San Diegans for Healthcare Coverage, Treasurer 2014-present
- San Diego County Health Services Advisory Board, Member 2014-present
- San Diego County Healthy San Diego Joint Consumer/Professional Advisory Committee member - 2014-present
- California Primary Care Association, Board Member 2017-2020
  - o Government Program, Former Chair
  - Managed Care Task Force, Former Chair
- Regional Associations of California, Board Member/Past Chair 2014-present

# **OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:**

With a 40-year track record of transformative leadership experience with nonprofit and for-profit corporations (see resume), I have consistently demonstrated my ability to drive meaningful change. It would be my honor to facilitate innovation and support Dr Kyu Rhee's vision for a national strategy to advance primary care and health equity for all by ensuring all Community Health Centers are the employers, providers, and partners of choice.

What I would bring to the NACHC Board, is a unique perspective on future opportunities, identifying and pushing the developmental edge of potential advancements by braiding a diversity of ideas that leverage these opportunities into one future direction, with strategies for implementation.

We've heard talk about value-based care, a national health plan for Community Health Center employees, and a national Medi-caid health plan for Community Health Center patients and families. The challenge lies in re-imagining traditional paradigms to develop new business models, revenue streams, and opportunities necessary for growth and advancement to realize the desired future. What are we growing for? To? Would we recognize it if we saw it? How do we realize it? When shall we get there? How does NACHC grow to achieve and realize these dreams?

These are all essential questions for Dr. Rhee's NACHC of tomorrow and I would find it very exciting to be a part of answering them. My ability to generate and develop innovative ideas and cultivate partnerships is what I would bring to the NACHC Board.

# NACHC NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE FOR THE 2024 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

# SECRETARY (Executive Committee Office)

# Sue Veer, MBA

President and CEO
Carolina Health Centers, Inc.
Greenwood, SC

### **MEMBERSHIP HISTORY:**

- Organizational Membership: Carolina Health Centers, Inc., since 1999, a member in good standing
- Individual Membership: since 2009, a member in good standing

### **NACHC SERVICE HISTORY:**

**Elected Office: Yes**Secretary, 2022-present

Regional Representative to the NACHC Board: Yes

Region IV Representative, 2019-2022

Committee, Subcommittee, or Task Force Chair: Yes

Chair, Membership Committee, 2022-present

Committee, Subcommittee, or Task Force Member: Yes

Clinical Practice Committee, 2022-2023

Health Policy Committee, 2014-present

Health Care for the Homeless Committee, 2003

Health Center Governance Committee 2003

Legislative Committee, 2010-present

Membership Committee, 2022present

Program Planning Committee, 2004

Rural Health Committee, 2010-2021

Subcommittee on Health Center Financing, 2003

Subcommittee on Pharmacy Policy and Operations, 2022-present

Represented NACHC or health centers on DHHS Task Forces/Workgroups? No

# Testimony before the U.S. Congress on NACHC's behalf: YES

House Energy and Commerce Committee, 2017 on 340B Drug Pricing
Senate HELP Committee, 2018 on 340B Drug Pricing
Senate HELP Committee, 2023, on Community Health Centers: Saving Money and
Savin Lives

### Other NACHC Service:

Attended Policy and Issues Forums, Community Health Institutes, PCA & HCCN Conferences, FOM/IT Conferences and Winter Strategy Meetings since 2015

# **NATIONAL/STATE SERVICE HISTORY:**

SC PCA Board Member and Chair of the Legislative Committee 2020-present Community Integrated Management System Managing Partner Member of OCHIN's CEO Steering Committee Chair, 340B Work Group NACHC's 340B Compliance Manual contributor and editor 340B Coalition Conference Planning Team RFP Task Force for the Organizational Assessment Board Task Force on Undoing Racism

# **OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:**

I've conducted 22 statewide 340B Summits in collaboration with NACHC and PCAs.

Serving as the Secretary of the NACHC Board of Directors and on the Executive Committee for the past two years has been extremely rewarding. In 2022, I promised to be a strong advocate for transformational leadership – leadership that positions Community Health Centers to be at the center of our nation's health care delivery system now and into the future. I made that promise at a time when NACHC was on the precipice of its own transition, and I feel fortunate to be actively participating in the leadership and cultural transformation of an organization as vital to the health centers as NACHC. I hope to continue supporting and contributing to our ongoing transformation by serving a second term as your Board Secretary.

# CONSUMER/BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE (Executive Committee Office)

# Virginia (Ginger) Fuata

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Board of Directors Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center Waianae, Hawaii

### **MEMBERSHIP HISTORY:**

- Organizational Membership: Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, since 1979, a member in good standing
- Individual Membership: since 2004, a member in good standing

### NACHC SERVICE HISTORY:

**Elected Office: Yes** 

Consumer/Board Member Representative, 2022-present Health Center Board Member Representative, 2015-2022

Regional Representative to the NACHC Board: No

Committee, Subcommittee, or Task Force Chair: Yes Chair, Consumer/Board Member Committee, 2022-present Vice Chair, Consumer/Board Member Committee, 2015-2022

Committee, Subcommittee, or Task Force Member: Yes

Consumer/Board Member Committee, 2006-present Committee on Agricultural Worker Health, 2012-present Membership Committee, 2006-2011 Program Planning Committee, 2006-2007 Rural Health Committee, 2020-present Subcommittee on Healthy Aging, 2012-2013

Represented NACHC or health centers on DHHS Task Forces/Workgroups? No

# Testimony before the U.S. Congress on NACHC's behalf: No Other NACHC service?

Attended most Policy and Issues Forums and Community Health Institutes since 2006, along with the Conference on Agricultural Worker Health, PCA/HCCN Annual Conferences and Winter Strategy Meetings

# **NATIONAL/STATE SERVICE HISTORY:**

Hawaii Primary Care – Consumer Board Member, Pay for Performance Committee Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center Board Member, Quality Assurance Compliance Committee

AHARO Hawaii, Advisory Committee Member 'Elepaio Social Services, Board of Directors

## **OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:**

Co-Founder/Board Member of Waianae High School Community Foundation – working to instill pride among school and community by building and strengthening relations that create and uphold traditions.

Lili'uokalani Trust – working to empower and encourage all staff Oahu-wide to embrace relational work instead of transitional work. It takes a village to care for each other.

APPCHO national leader and critical voice of Asian American, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islander community health centers and to ensure the native Hawaiian voice is elevated.

AHARO Hawaii – promoting access, quality and cost effectiveness healthcare by empowering consumers/patients to evaluate the performance of healthcare agencies that serve them.

## CLINICIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NACHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Daniel Miller, MD Senior Advisor Sun River Health Peekskill, New York

#### **MEMBERSHIP HISTORY:**

- Organizational Membership: Hudson River HealthCare, Inc., since 1979, a member in good standing
- Individual Membership: since 2010, a member in good standing

#### NACHC SERVICE HISTORY:

**Elected Office: Yes** 

Clinician Representative to the NACHC Board, 2014-present

Regional Representative to the NACHC Board: No

### Committee, Subcommittee, or Task Force Chair: Yes

Chair, Committee on Service Integration for Behavioral Health & HIV, 2016-2021 Co-Chair, Board Task Force on Undoing Racism, 2020-present Vice Chair, Clinical Practice Committee, 2014-2019

# Committee, Subcommittee, or Task Force Member: Yes

Board Task Force on Undoing Racism, 2020-present Clinical Practice Committee, 2012-present Committee on Service Integration for Behavioral Health and HIV, 2012-present Health Professions Education in Health Centers Task Force, 2017-present

## Represented NACHC or health centers on DHHS Task Forces/Workgroups? Yes

NCQA PCMH Advisory Committee

Member of the Patient-Centered Medical Home Advisory Committee, 2013

# Testimony before the U.S. Congress on NACHC's behalf: Yes

NACHC Congressional Briefing: *Health Centers Helping Patients Overcome Addiction*, March 2018

### Other NACHC Service?

Attended Policy and Issues Forum and Community Health Institutes since 2010 Winter Strategy Meetings

# NATIONAL/STATE SERVICE HISTORY: Yes

**Numerous CHCANYS meetings** 

# **OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:**

Our nation's struggle for justice and equity continues and we are at the center of that struggle. As a Senior Advisor and practicing physician for Sun River Health and as the co-Chair of NACHC's Task Force on Undoing Racism, I am more convinced of this than ever. This struggle is hard, but we are strong, and our vision is clear. Our movement is now poised to grow and to lead our country to true health equity, to demonstrate that this can be done and that when it is done, everyone's health and well-being will benefit.

This is a powerful moment for us, filled with great opportunity and potential. I have served as a Clinician Representative on the NACHC Board since 2014 and I would be honored to continue this work and serve another term.

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONTINUING FOR 2024-2025

Chair of the Board: Paloma Hernandez, Bronx, NY
 Chair-Elect: Michael R. Taylor, New Haven, CT
 Immediate Past Chair: Michael A. Holmes, Cook, MN
 Speaker of the House: Kimberly Chang, MD, Oakland, CA
 Treasurer: John Santistevan, Fort Lupton, CO
 Parliamentarian Aaron Todd, Des Moines, IA

# HEALTH CENTER BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NACHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# Malikah Muhammad

Board Vice Chair The Wellness Plan Medical Centers Detroit, Michigan

### MEMBERSHIP HISTORY:

- Organizational Membership: The Wellness Plan Medical Centers, since 2008, a member in good standing
- Individual Membership: since 2019, a member in good standing

**NACHC SERVICE HISTORY:** 

**Elected Office: No** 

Regional Representative to the NACHC Board: No

Committee, Subcommittee, or Task Force Chair: No

Committee, Subcommittee, or Task Force Member: Yes Consumer/Board Member Committee, 2020-present Membership Committee, 2020-present Legislative Committee, 2020-present

Represented NACHC or health centers on DHHS Task Forces/Workgroups? No

Testimony before the U.S. Congress on NACHC's behalf? No

Other NACHC Service?

Regular conference attendance

Deborah Woolford, LMSW Board Chair Park West Health Systems, Inc.

Baltimore, Maryland

### MEMBERSHIP HISTORY:

- Organizational Membership: Park West Health Systems, since 1979, a member in good standing
- Individual Membership: since 2006, became Life Member in 2021

# **NACHC SERVICE HISTORY:**

**Elected Office: Yes** 

Health Center Board Member Representative, 2022-2024

Regional Representative to the NACHC Board: No

Committee, Subcommittee, or Task Force Chair: Yes

Vice Chair, Health Care for the Homeless Committee, 2024-present

Committee, Subcommittee, or Task Force Member: Yes

Consumer/Board Member Committee, 2007-2011, 2014-present Committee on Service Integration for Behavioral Health & HIV, 2007-2011, 2014-present

Health Care for the Homeless Committee, 2007-2011, 2016-present

Represented NACHC or health centers on DHHS Task Forces/Workgroups? No

Testimony before the U.S. Congress on NACHC's behalf? No

Other NACHC Service?

Regular conference attendance, Strategy Planning meetings

# MALIKAH MUHAMMAD, CONTINUED

# **NATIONAL/STATE SERVICE HISTORY:**

The Wellness Plan Medical Centers, 2017-present

- Board Member and current Vice Chair
- Past Parliamentarian
  Committee Service includes Executive Committee, Compliance Committee,
  Patient Experience Committee, and Nominating Committee

City of Detroit Election Commission

# **OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:**

My interest in consumer health is the concern for affordable quality healthcare for all Americans. As a consumer, I believe in good health, nutritional foods, exercise, and regular doctor visits. Healthcare is a necessity that impacts everyone, regardless of geographic location or world views.

Now I travel across America and see healthcare in action. Millions of Americans are utilizing these services. As a Health Center Board Member, we oversee the monthly activities of our center: staff, finances, and daily operations, etc. Monthly, we analyze the reports of respective departments.

If I am honored to serve as NACHC Health Center Board Member Representative on NACHC's Board of Directors, I will do my best to advocate for the rights of our consumers. My motto, "Putting the Patient First."

# **DEBORAH WOOLFORD, CONTINUED**

### NATIONAL/STATE SERVICE HISTORY:

Park West Health Systems, 2007-present

- Board Member, current Chair
- Past Secretary

Student Social Work Association, Vice President, and President 2014-216 University Student Government Association, Senator 2017-2019, Appropriation Committee, 2017-2019

# **OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:**

While obtaining my undergraduate degree in Social Work at Coppin State University, I served as the Vice-president and President of the Student Social Work Association 2014-2016.

During my graduate studies at the University of Maryland Baltimore's School of Social Work, I was a Senator on the University Student Government Association (USGA) board. All seven schools in the University of Maryland system comprise the USGA. In addition, I served on the Appropriations Committee 2017-2019

I have served on the Board of Directors at Park West Health, from 2007 to the present. My responsibilities have included not only Board Secretary, but Board Chair. I have represented Park West and NACHC on Capitol Hill during P&I, sharing our mission and vision with state and local officials. I'm certified in Board Governance and have completed the Advocacy Leadership Program.

I have a long history of community services, serving on several boards in my local community in various leadership roles. Through my various employment history and voluntarism, I have obtained the knowledge of my community and its needs and most specifically health and wellness issues affecting all our communities.