

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the
National AHEC Organization
and the
National Association of Community Health Centers

Where as the purpose of the **National AHEC Organization (NAO)** is to support the national network of Area Health Education (AHEC) and Health Education Training Center (HETC) programs dedicated to improving the supply, distribution and quality of health care professionals through community/academic partnerships.

Where as the mission of the **National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)** is to promote the provision of high quality, comprehensive health care that is accessible, coordinated, culturally and linguistically competent, and community directed for all underserved populations.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between the NAO and NACHC for strengthening the level of cooperation between the two parties. The responsible staff for this MOU will be Jason Patnosh, Director of Partnership Development for NACHC and Shirley Weaver, Advisor for NAO. The following consensus is hereby established:

- NACHC and NAO will work together to develop potential education sessions for NACHC and/or NAO supported conferences;
- NACHC and NAO will review membership, trainings, and conference attendance and/or exhibit rates to seek discounts as part of the partnership;
- NACHC and NAO will support efforts to seek joint funding and support to survey AHECs and CHCs on what they need to work more effectively together. Survey would result in discussion paper on the best practices that could be utilized to pursue further funding for programming;
- NACHC and NAO will support efforts for each others' pursuit of funding and support to develop materials that would entice individuals to seek careers in community health centers;
- NACHC and NAO will pursue funding and support to further enhance the linkage between Community HealthCorps programs and AHECs; and
- NACHC and NAO in their agreed upon respective areas of public health policy will collaborate to assure viability of the health center programs and AHECs/HETCs.

This Memorandum of Understanding does not constitute a fiscal arrangement for the obligation of funds by either party. Any joint endeavors involving reimbursement or transfer of funds between the parties to this agreement will be handled in accordance with prescribed financial procedures of both parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective upon the signature of the authorized officials of the respective parties. It will remain in effect until terminated by mutual agreement. The Memorandum will be reviewed periodically, but not less than annually, and it may be amended as agreed to by both parties in writing.



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Date: 4-23-07



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