Would You Like to Make a Difference in Your Community?

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BCHN Board members are leaders in the community. They are passionate advocates for our communities, using their voices to tell our stories to inspire and create change.
GETTING TO KNOW BCHN

Bronx Community Health Network (BCHN) is a nonprofit, community-based organization and federally funded health center. Founded in 1996, BCHN is honored to continue the proud 55-year tradition of the national community health center movement. We are passionately committed to the enduring mission and vision of pioneer community and civil rights leaders and two young doctors, Jack Geiger and Count D. Gibson Jr., who sought to change the lives of disenfranchised people. Our health centers are owned and operated by Montefiore Medical Center and Promesa, Inc. BCHN is funded primarily by the Bureau of Primary Health Care and the HIV/AIDS Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration.

LIVING OUR MISSION

• Improve the health status of medically underserved communities; eliminate disparities
• Provide access to affordable, quality, comprehensive health care, especially for uninsured persons
• Leverage financial and other resources programs and services.
• Promote disease prevention, early treatment and healthy lifestyles.

BCHN BY THE NUMBERS

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<td>114,378 individuals received medical, oral and behavioral health care and related services at 21 BCHN partner community and school-based health centers.</td>
<td>23 years BCHN invested $143M in grants to assure access to affordable, quality healthcare in community health centers and Bronx neighborhoods.</td>
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Our community health and wellness programs helped 65,000+ Bronx residents navigate health and human services systems for essential social support services.

In addition to providing primary care, BCHN health centers aim to prevent, treat and manage chronic illnesses like asthma, diabetes, hypertension, obesity and HIV/AIDS.

Learn more at bchnhealth.org
READY TO JOIN BCHN?

BCHN is looking for energetic, enthusiastic people to:

- Engage in planning for strategic growth to ensure program outcomes
- Advocate for policies that support local community needs
- Serve as organization ambassadors
- Develop a donor base

Our members have achieved personal, social and professional development during their terms on the BCHN Board.

Here’s what Board members are saying about their experience:

“Community Health Centers are among the most important programs ever developed in the United States to provide high quality health care to people who lack access to such service. As a former member of the Board of Directors of BCHN, I have been grateful for the opportunity to participate in a small way in the larger CHC movement and to have some oversight and occasional influence on the direction and activities of our own Bronx health center. The fellowship with other Board members in pursuit of our common goals has added to my satisfaction in this role.”

Dr. Katherine S. Lobach  
Former Board Member, Chair of the Advisory Council

“I was inspired to join the BCHN Board following a family illness, and the experience has exceeded all expectations. It is rewarding to support an organization that is helping so many people but the benefits to do not stop there. I have learned so much about the community health center world over the past few years, and there are regular opportunities for continued professional growth and learning.”

John Ruiz  
Board Member, Treasurer

GETTING STARTED

- Download and complete our membership application on the BCHN website at bchnhealth.org/leadership.

- Need to chat with someone? We are happy to provide more information. Call Nancy Manus at (718) 405-7733 or email nmanus@bhnhealth.org.

- The Governance Committee reviews applications regularly and will contact you to discuss your interest in Board and Advisory Council membership.
OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Our Board of Directors and Advisory Council bring a wide range of expertise and interests to the organization, and a dedication to our shared mission, vision and goals.

In keeping with community health center tradition and federal law, more than half of our Board members are patients at our centers. Board members either live, work or have a strong interest in the Bronx. They represent the demographic and cultural diversity of the Bronx population and health center clients. Our members take their fiduciary responsibility seriously.

The Board meets monthly and Committees meet as scheduled.

Committees: Board members accept two committee assignments based on personal interest and organizational needs.

- **Governance**: Supports a strong, viable structure including Annual Elections and Meeting; on-going member recruitment and orientation.
- **Finance**: Approves annual budget and allocation of funds for partner health centers and BCHN administration and community programs.
- **Quality Improvement**: Reviews clinical quality of care and recommends improvement actions as needed.
- **Strategic Planning**: Sets strategic direction for the organization to engage in innovative performance improvement efforts that ensure patient care quality, safety and better health outcomes.
- **Fundraising**: Leads efforts to raise funds and resources for strategic programs and capital projects.
- **Legislative**: Collaborates with NYS and national community health center advocacy organizations for equitable funding, services and legislation for community health center patients.

Our Advisory Council is comprised of non-voting volunteer members who share expertise as members of Board committees.
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