



**Student Training Outline –Community Health Center (CHC)  
Year 4 Health Care Management Clerkship (OCOM 895)  
Appendix J - Academic Year 2008/2009**

I. Purpose

The primary intent of the Community Health Center (CHC) experience is for students to achieve a better understanding of Ohio's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) that are administered locally in health provider shortage areas (HPSA). CHCs serve as a safety net by providing accessible, high quality, cost effective primary/preventive care services to all residents of Ohio regardless of an individual's insurance status or ability to pay.

II. Suggested Learning Issues (to be supplemented by CHC representative)

- A. the process by which Ohio residents initially access the CHC system for their health care needs
- B. demographics of patient populations who utilize CHCs
- C. documented impact of CHC services on infant mortality rates, emergency department
- D. utilization, number of hospital admissions, and length of hospital stays
- E. characteristics of the CHC Program that have led to its being ranked as one of the top 10 federal programs
- F. ***During the CHC experience, the CHC representative is expected to:***
  - 1. discuss how CHC's are organized around a primary care model of health care delivery.
  - 2. review the study conducted by the National Association of Community Health Centers to boost physician numbers at CHCs by 2015 to enable provision of services to more Ohioans.
  - 3. cover applications for federal funding to be used to serve the uninsured population in Ohio.
  - 4. identify the percentage of Ohioans who are uninsured, underinsured, on Medicaid, have private insurance, etc.
  - 5. show how CHC services have resulted in fewer unmet needs of the uninsured.
  - 6. describe the function of the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers (OACHC).

II. Possible Questions for Students to Ask/Initiate during this Experience

- A. What is the annual budget allocation for this CHC for free and/or low-cost care?
- B. How does the average expenditure per patient of this CHC compare to the national average?
- C. How many patients are served by the 34 CHCs in Ohio?
- D. What counties in Ohio have a CHC?
- E. Why was Section 340B of the Public Health Service Act enacted?