



Support Existing Programs

(to discuss if time allows and/or relevant to your health center)

- 1. Unbundle and restore funding for School-Based Health Centers to last year's level of \$21 Million.**
 - The Executive Budget proposal consolidates funding lines for 39 discrete programs, including school-based health centers (SBHC), into 4 competitive pools and cuts the funding for each pool by 20%.
 - This proposal puts \$21M in non-Medicaid funding for SBHCs at risk.
 - Approximately half of the state's SBHCs are sponsored by FQHCs

- 2. Appropriate \$430,000 for Agricultural Worker Health Care Programs**
 - The Executive Budget appropriates \$406,000 to Agricultural Worker Health Care programs; adding \$24,000 would restore funding to previous fiscal year levels (FY 2012-13).
 - This funding allows health centers and other eligible providers to serve over 18,000 agricultural workers and their families, an extremely vulnerable population that is integral to New York State's agribusiness.
 - Since 2012, when this state funding was reduced, FQHCs have seen a 15% increase in the number of agricultural workers served, yet funding levels have remained stagnant.
 - It is estimated that 61% of farmworkers live in poverty, with a median income of less than \$11,000 annually.

- 3. Maintain Support for the Primary Care Service Corps (PCSC) and Doctors Across New York (DANY)**
 - Demands for primary care services are increasing, yet FQHCs are struggling to recruit and retain primary care providers.
 - PCSC and DANY provide loan repayment and/or practice support awards to incentivize providers to work in underserved communities.
 - We urge the Legislature to:
 - Provide an additional 50 DANY awards -- a \$2 million investment.
 - Ensure a consistent timeline for the DANY RFA and application processing, to align with the job search cycle of final year residents and maximize recruitment outreach.
 - Continue to collaborate with stakeholders to improve the program effectiveness and outreach to underserved areas.

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4. Add \$20M to the Community Health Care Revolving Capital Fund

- In 2015, New York created a \$19.5 million Community Health Care Revolving Capital Loan Fund to support community-based providers' capital needs.
- The Primary Care Development Corporation was recently appointed as the administrator for the fund.
- The current Fund level is not nearly enough meet the enormous demand for capital in the community-based healthcare sector and therefore, we urge an expansion of the Fund through an additional \$20M appropriation.