

## Talking About Voter Engagement at Health Centers

- Community Health Vote is a natural extension of our long time bi-partisan grassroots advocacy, and is consistent with our founding purpose of being leaders in improving the life and well-being of our communities.
- Just as with advocacy, voter engagement can help health centers meet their organization's mission and maximize effectiveness by educating and engaging the public on ways to improve community life.
- The very nature of health centers makes them an integral part of how low income Americans are involved in their communities and society and a natural place for helping them take the step to be more informed and civically engaged.
- Health Centers' role in their communities provides them the opportunity power to be the catalyst for a dramatic increase in voter participation by putting in place legal, permissible, nonpartisan voter engagement activities -- voter registration, voter education, and get-out-the-vote (GOTV).
- Community Health Vote is NOT only a voter registration drive, but rather an ongoing effort to provide tools anyone can use to register to vote.
- Just as we see any patient who walks in the door, we want anyone who wants to register or update their registration to be able to do so at a health center. If they desire, we will also help educate them about the timing and mechanics of voting and provide reminders and information about how and where to vote.
- We will NOT and can NOT tell anyone who to vote for and all our activities will be strictly non-partisan.
- If there is an assumption that in any location our patients have a preference for any party or candidate, then it's within the candidates' and parties' power to convince them who to vote for. Many have largely ignored our patient populations in the past because they haven't seen them as likely voters. We can change that.