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Bill Wagner to Retire from Family Health Centers, Inc. after nearly 40 years.

LOUISVILLE, KY - Family Health Centers, Inc. (FHC) today announced that Bill Wagner, the Louisville-based non-profit's Chief Executive Officer, will retire effective June 30, 2021. Wagner has served in his position as CEO since September 1998, and prior to that, served as Assistant Director for seventeen years, where he oversaw the health center's operations. Wagner had previously announced plans to retire at the end of 2020, but delayed his retirement to help guide the organization's efforts during the pandemic.



During Wagner's tenure as Chief Executive Officer, the federally qualified health center significantly expanded the number of health center locations in Louisville, the types of services provided, the number of patients served and annual visits. The organization's annual revenues quadrupled during his time as CEO, becoming, according to Business First, one of the largest non-profits in the Louisville area, serving over 45,000 individuals each year. Throughout his career with FHC, Mr. Wagner was a champion for providing access to affordable health care to medically underserved residents across the community and the commonwealth.

Wagner, who is 68, said "I feel like I've had the best job in the world, stressful, but always challenging, never boring and infinitely rewarding. To be able to serve the community and work with the dedicated professionals and staff at FHC has been a great privilege. The years have slipped by quickly."

Wagner served on numerous boards and committees including the Kentucky Primary Care Association, the Louisville Primary Care Association, the Kentucky Health Center Network, the Louisville Metro Board of Health, UofL Health-Louisville and the Louisville COVID Vaccination Distribution Task Force. He is one of the founding members of Passport Health plan, and served previously as Chairman of the Board.

Wagner noted that "I've been guided by the belief the health care is a right not a privilege. We have a long way to go to achieve this goal in our community, but we have made significant strides over the decades. We can celebrate many accomplishments. In the next phase, I hope to spend more time with my daughters and four grandsons while staying committed to the pursuit of health equity and care access for all."

“Mr. Wagner has served Family Health Centers for 40 years and performed exceptionally high during turbulent times to help sustain the organization,” stated Sergeant Anthony Walker, Chairman of the FHC Board of Governors. “During his long tenure, Mr. Wagner built a strong foundation for growth, strengthening services, and continuing the mission of Family Health Centers. Mr. Wagner’s leaves a legacy of healthcare leadership, recognized locally and nationally. The Board of Governors and Mr. Wagner are committed to the execution of the succession plan to ensure a smooth transition for the new CEO. We will miss our beloved Mr. Wagner and wish him the best in his retirement,” said Walker.

The Family Health Centers Board of Governors is currently conducting a search for Wagner’s replacement.

Family Health Centers, Inc. (FHC) is a not-for-profit, federally qualified health center who provides access to high quality primary and preventive health care services regardless of the ability to pay. Established in 1976, the Family Health Centers provides services to more than 40,000 individuals annually through a network of eight health center locations throughout Louisville Metro. Learn more at www.fhclouisville.org.

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