

A Post-Election Message from AACHC's CEO to Her Team

The following is a reprint of an email Jessica Yanow, president and CEO, sent to the AACHC team post-election titled "Moving Forward Together."

I know that the last few days have been challenging for many of us. Elections bring both hope and uncertainty, and they often impact us deeply—both personally and professionally. Whatever you are feeling about this election and its impact is valid, whether it feels big or small to you right now. Regardless of political party, new administrations can bring a wide variety of changes. As we navigate through this new landscape, it is critical that we stay true to our shared mission and values.

Respect, empathy, and kindness must always be at the forefront of how we interact with one another. In times of change and unknowns, these qualities become even more essential. We're here to support one another, lifting each other up as we continue our important mission to advance the vital work of community health centers to serve our unique communities. In a time that can feel very divisive, showing up with care and compassion for each other is of utmost importance.

Our core values of equity, purpose, integrity, collaboration, and humility define who we are and are there to guide us through transitions, challenges, and opportunities. Equity reminds us of our commitment to justice and to ensuring everyone has access to quality healthcare. Purpose keeps us focused on our mission, knowing that every decision we make is driven by our dedication to improving health outcomes in our communities. Integrity ensures that we act with honesty and transparency. Collaboration reminds us of the strength we have when we work together. Humility helps us to listen and understand that we are not walking in someone else's shoes.

Today, and in the days to come, let's keep these values close. They are what will help us serve our health centers and, in turn, their patients—those who rely on us for compassionate, high-quality care, no matter the circumstances.

I am grateful for the bipartisan support that the health center program has historically received, and we will continue to advocate for the needs of health centers and our communities.

Thank you for the heart and dedication you bring to this work. And thank you for being here for each other. Together, we will continue to make a difference as we navigate what lies ahead.

With respect and gratitude,
Jessica