

CANDIDATE FOR HEALTH CENTER BOARD MEMBER

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I am Theresa (Terri) Garcia and I currently serve as the Board Chair for HealthNet, Inc., located in Indianapolis, Indiana. I am seeking to serve as the Health Center Board Member Representative on the NACHC Board.

I am the former Executive Director of Southeast Community Services (SECS) on the southeast side of Indianapolis. Our building also housed a HealthNet community health center. Every day for 13 years, I saw clearly the amazing work done by this FQHC. I came to believe that SECS and HealthNet have a shared mission to address the social determinants of health in our community. This sense of shared mission and purpose inspired me to become even more engaged in the work of HealthNet; I joined the board in 2014.

I love the quote from Margaret Mead: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

This is a philosophy I live by as a HealthNet Board member, as a community leader, and a citizen of our world. We, as a community of health centers, as well as a community of health center boards, are positioned to change our world for the better. We are doing it every day!

The past few years have seen unprecedented crises, turmoil, change, and growth in our country. We have learned so much. Going forward, we must keep the momentum to do the impossible. What we thought was a sprint is really a marathon, and we are still in that race.