State & Federal Policy Update

What’s Next for School Health & SBHCs?
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Who’s here?

What best defines your role? (choose one)
a) SBHC practitioner and/or manager
b) Other school health provider - i.e. school nurse, counselor
c) School administrator or school board member
d) Local or state advocate
e) Community-based health provider/partner
f) Local or state policymaker and/or staffer
g) Other – please type into chat
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Building Bridges to Healthy & Resilient Communities

Virtual Conference | November 2—4, 2021
CSHA’s 2021 Policy Priorities

Advocate for federal and state funding for school-based health centers (SBHCs).

Center SBHCs in post-COVID school reopening guidelines and efforts.

Advocate for improved substance use prevention and early intervention in schools through investment from Prop 64 and decreased punitive discipline policies.

Support increased coordination between state departments (CDPH, CDE, and DHCS) to support school-based health services.

Advocate for health care financing reforms that make school health services more accessible and/or SBHCs more sustainable.
The BIG Picture

California State Budget
- Passed in June
- Trailer Bills passed in June & July

Other state legislation
- Last days to pass bills from the Legislature: Sept 10

Federal Budget and Legislation
Main takeaways:

✓ No specific funding for SBHCs but...

✓ Unprecedented funding in school based health and student support services

✓ Main budget bill passed and signed in June ➔ trailer bills passed in late June, early July
Child & Youth Behavioral Health Initiative

** $4 billion **

- Medi-Cal Managed Care Incentive Program
- School-linked Behavioral Health Partnerships & Capacity competitive grants
- Mental Health Student Services Act Grant Program

Also...

- A virtual platform
- Behavioral health workforce initiatives, including BH counselors & coaches
- Behavioral health infrastructure
CYBHI: Opportunities for SBHCs

School-Based Health Centers: Central to Addressing Child & Youth Behavioral Health in Schools

- Students use SBHCs for BH services
- SBHCs provide integrated physical and behavioral health
- SBHCs leverage Medi-Cal providers and coordinate care
- SBHCs are effective at providing prevention and early intervention services
- SBHCs increase equitable access to care
CDE: Funding for Student Health

Community Schools: $2.8 billion
- Integrated support services (including health!) + family and student engagement + collaborative practices + extended learning

School Health Demonstration Project: $5 million
- To support up to 25 LEAs in leveraging Medi-Cal funding to support school health services

Office of School-Based Health: $700,000/year
- From AB 563 (Berman)
CDE Funding: Opportunities for SBHCs

Community Schools

“SBHCs are a foundational component of our full-service community schools strategy” – Curtiss Sarikey, OUSD

School Health Demonstration Project

Most SBHCs leverage existing Medi-Cal providers
What funding needs do you have in your community? What should these state funding opportunities prioritize?

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CSHA Sponsored Bills

AB 563 (Berman): Office of School-Based Health at CDE
- Included in State Budget
- Officially a “two-year” bill

SB 316 (Eggman): Same-Day Billing for FQHCs
- Heard in Assembly Appropriations TODAY
- Lots of support in Legislature
- Opposition from DHCS
Other Legislation to Note

AB 32 (Aguiar-Curry): Telehealth
AB 285 (Holden): State school nurse consultant
AB 586 (O'Donnell): School Health Demonstration
AB 1117 (Wicks): Healthy Start
AB 1038 (Gipson): CA Health Equity Program


Incorporated into budget trailer bills
Federal Policy

2nd COVID relief package (December 2020)

• $5 million for FQHC-sponsored SBHCs
• SBHC Reauthorization Act

Federal Appropriations (Right Now)

• $50 million for SBHCs included in House package
• $200 million expected from Senate
Questions

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