



CSHC ENewsletter - April 2008

Policy Updates

H.R. 5613/S. 2819: Federal Bills Introduced to Save School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Program (MAA)

In March, Representatives John Dingell (D-MI) and Tim Murphy (R-PA) introduced H.R. 5613, the *Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008*. Shortly thereafter Senators Jay Rockefeller (D-WV), Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and Edward Kennedy (D-MA) introduced a companion bill, S. 2819. Both House and Senate bills would put a one-year delay on the recent CMS regulations, including CMS 2287 which would eliminate the school-based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) program effective June 30th. On April 23rd, H.R. 5613, co-sponsored by 33 members of the California delegation, passed the House by a vote of 342-62, ensuring a margin large enough to override a presidential veto. All Democratic members of the California delegation, and 13 out of 19 Republicans, voted "aye." Next is the Senate, where Republicans are working hard to build opposition to S. 2819. California Senators Boxer and Feinstein are co-sponsors of S. 2819. NASBHC has set up an easy way for you to thank our Senators, who are co-sponsors of the bill, and your Representative, if applicable. All you have to do is visit the following website and enter your zip code.

http://www.nasbhc.org/c.jsJPKWPFJrH/b.2563759/k.8D27/Action_Center/siteapps/advocacy/ActionCenter.aspx.

Stay up to date on bill status and national advocacy efforts opposing the regulations by visiting: <http://www.theleanet.com/>

State Budget Cut Projections Worsen: Take Action Now

Deficit projections have grown significantly in just the last couple of months. A recent *San Francisco Chronicle* article quotes several legislative leaders who suggest that it is nearly impossible to fix the problem with a "cuts only" approach, and that such a tactic would be devastating if implemented. To read the article, please visit:

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/04/20/BAJF1082L3.DTL>

Advocacy groups have united to fight these budget cuts and communicate to the dramatic, widespread impact these cuts would have on low to middle income Californians. For information on how the proposed healthcare cuts would negatively impact California's children, visit the 100% Campaign's website: <http://www.100percentcampaign.org/resources/index.htm#two>.

To learn more about the impact of the cuts where you live, visit the California Budget Project's website, where you view county-specific data about the impact of proposed budget cuts, by going to: www.cbp.org/Impactbycounty.htm.

Most importantly, voice your concern by downloading a sample letter to send to your Senator and Assembly member by visiting:

www.100percentcampaign.org/assets/doc/update-080307-sample-letter.doc

News From the Field

Sun Valley Middle School: Largest School Health Center in the Country Opens in Southern California

In March, a new 10,000-square-foot Spanish Mission-style clinic opened on the campus of Sun Valley Middle School. It was the result of many years of planning and partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District supplying the land, the county supplying \$7.5 million for construction and Northeast Valley Health Corporation and the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine agreeing to provide healthcare services. CSHC's outgoing Board President, Jan Marquard, directs the new clinic, and CSHC congratulates Jan and all of the other supporters that brought the largest school health center in the country to Los Angeles! To read the *LA Times* article that ran following the official grand opening celebration held on April 2nd, please visit: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-health3apr03,1,5794766.story>

Clovis Unified School District: School Health Centers in the News

Clovis Unified School District's three elementary school health centers were recognized by the *Clovis Independent*, which ran an article on March 28th highlighting the positive impact the school health centers have on the students and families they serve. In addition to the much needed health services provided, the article also praises the clinics' ability to enroll kids in health insurance and keep kids in school. To read the story, visit: <http://www.clovisindependent.com/news/story/538.html>

Oakland School Health Center Expansion: Kaiser Announces \$3 million Grant

On March 7th, Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums and Kaiser Permanente announced a multi-million dollar investment for school-based health center expansion in Oakland Unified School District. Kaiser Permanente will donate \$3 million to fund comprehensive clinical and social services to children through school-based health centers in middle and high schools. To read the *East Bay Business Times* article, visit: <http://eastbay.bizjournals.com/eastbay/stories/2008/02/25/daily88.html?surround=lfm>

Youth Advocate for School Health Centers in Sacramento.

Earlier this month, youth from school health centers at the Fremont Federation of High Schools in Oakland, Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles, John Marshall High School in Los Angeles, and youth from Riverbank High School who are trying to start a school health center, attended the California for Civic Participation's Adolescent Health Policy Conference in Sacramento. While in Sacramento, the youth participated in sessions with staff from legislative offices, advocacy organizations, and campaign strategy firms where they learned more about the legislative process, identified issues facing youth, and received tips for advocating their positions. The youth also met with their local legislators and staff at the Capitol and participated in a Capitol briefing where they were able to highlight the need for providing additional resources to support and expand the number of school health centers, expanding mental health services through the Mental Health Services Act and expanding health care coverage for all youth.

CSHC News

Nominations Needed: CSHC to Award Outstanding School Health Center Programs

CSHC seeks nominations for outstanding California school health center programs in three categories: parent/family engagement; nutrition and fitness; and reproductive/sexual health. One award will be given in each category at the NASBHC convention in L.A. this June. Each awardee will: receive their award and showcase their program during the California state meeting the afternoon of Thursday, June 25th; have their program featured on CSHC's website and Enews; and receive a \$75 gift card to reward their staff with a celebratory party. **Please apply** by sending a one-page description of your exemplary school health center program to Samantha Blackburn at sblackburn@schoolhealthcenters.org. Be sure to indicate which award category you're applying to and feel free to attach photos, or any other background information. Note that awardees are expected to attend the state meeting at the NASBHC convention. **Applications are due May 15.** Awardees will be notified by June 6th.

CSHC Youth Board: Youth Development in Action

CSHC's Youth Board completed their first technical assistance training on April 21st for six West Contra Costa Unified School District site coordinators on the topic of effective youth engagement practices and increasing youth participation. The Youth Board members also prepared the coordinators for next steps to youth engagement at their respective sites. With NASBHC's just around the corner, the Youth Board is already planning for its conference workshop—"CSHC's Youth Board: Its First Year of Life"—and honing its facilitation skills for the conference's youth attendees. For more information about the CSHC youth board, contact Kathleen Gutierrez at kgutierrez@schoolhealthcenters.org.

Conferences & Workshops

NASBHC 14th Annual Conference: Early Registration Ends April 30th

CSHC is excited to be co-hosting the 2008 National School-Based Health Care Annual Convention in *Los Angeles*. The convention is themed "Taking Action Against Health Inequities" and will take place from Wednesday, June 25th through Saturday, June 28th. The convention will also feature youth-specific programming, as well as a reduced youth registration fee (\$200). For registration and other information, please visit: http://www.nasbhc.org/site/c.jsJPKWPFJrH/b.2708163/k.9443/Convention_Intro.htm. For questions or more information specifically about youth programming, contact Hector Lara at hlara@schoolhealthcenters.org or Tiffany Clarke at tclarke@nasbhc.org.

California School Nurses Organization Conference: Annual Call for Proposals

The 59th Annual California School Nurses Organization Conference will be held March 5 – 7, 2009, in Sacramento, California. CSHC encourages school health center providers and administrators to consider presenting at this conference. The theme of the conference is *Bridging the Gap*, focusing on the ways in which school nurses and school health services allow school-aged children and youth to overcome obstacles and learning barriers, thereby enabling them to become successful students and productive adults. Preference will be given to workshop

proposals that address the link between the successful resolution/management of health issues and improved academic performance. To download the application, please visit:

<http://www.csno.org/docs/3-10-08%202009%20Conf%20Submission%20packet%20R.doc>

TCWF Conference: Teenage Pregnancy Prevention

The California Wellness Foundation's one-day conference on teen pregnancy prevention is scheduled for May 22nd in San Francisco. The event will promote networking, organizational capacity, and innovative programs. Dr. Michael Carrera of the Children's Aid Society in New York will deliver the keynote address. Through his work at the National Adolescent Sexuality Training Center, he has designed and helped implement 50 long-term, holistic, adolescent pregnancy prevention programs in twenty different states. The conference is free and will also include a funders panel at the end of the conference to connect service providers and provide information on how to apply for funding. To register or to view the full conference agenda, please visit: <http://www.healthed.org/TCWF/>

2008 NAPP Conference and Training Institute: Youth Development Training for Adults

The National Association of Peer Programs helps adults establish, train, supervise, maintain and evaluate peer programs for youth. NAPP will offer a youth peer program training for adults from June 22-24, 2008 at the NAPP Training Institute at the University of San Diego in conjunction with the 21st Annual NAPP Conference. Schools or agencies sending teams of three or more participants will receive a 10% refund of their registration fees upon successful completion of the workshop. For more information and to register, visit:

http://www.peerprograms.org/registration/2008_conference_registration_form

Tools & Resources

CHCF Health Care Leadership Program: Apply now for the 2008-2010 Fellowship The California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF) Health Care Leadership Program is a part-time, two-year fellowship offering clinically trained health care professionals the opportunity to acquire broadened management and sharpened leadership skills, as well as unique insight into the trends and challenges facing health care leaders in California. Fellows attend seminars six times during the two-year program and participate in ongoing learning activities. Applications are due May 15th. To find out more information about the program and the application process, please visit:

<http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/Program/chcf/>

2008-2009 Sierra Health Leadership Program: Apply Now for Program Beginning this Fall

The Sierra Health Leadership Program is designed to transform good managers into great leaders. The program is for current and/or potential executives of health-related nonprofit organizations or public agencies who work in one of the 26 Northern California counties and supervise a team of at least three individuals. The program is presented over five months (Oct. 14-17, Nov. 19-21, Jan. 8-9, Feb. 8-9, and April 1-3) and tuition costs, lodging and meals are all covered. Applications must be received by June 30th. For more information and application materials, go to: www.sierrahealth.org

American School Health Association: Awards for School Superintendents

The American School Health Association (ASHA) is excited to announce an annual award saluting a superintendent who recognizes the connection between student health and academic achievement. To address the ASHA mission to protect and promote the health of children and youth by supporting coordinated school health programs as a foundation for success, ASHA will celebrate superintendents who are committed to meeting the needs of the whole child in a coordinated and comprehensive fashion.

The School Health Leadership Award nominees are superintendents who demonstrate exemplary commitment to student and staff health within their districts and beyond. Deadline to submit nomination is May 15th. To learn more, visit:

http://www.ashaweb.org/awards_scholarship.html

Job Postings

Oakland Unified School District: School-Based Health Centers Program Manager

Oakland Unified School District is looking for a SBHC Program Manager to manage and lead the development and implementation of comprehensive health services at the district's school-based health centers. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.edjoin.org/viewPosting.aspx?postingID=244788&countyID=1>

Job Opportunity Wanted: Nurse Practitioner in School Health Center

Pamela Conner worked as a Nurse Practitioner at the Urbana School-Based Health Center in Illinois for three years, including assisting with the start-up of this new center. She has relocated to San Diego and is very committed to adolescent healthcare and the school-based health model and would love to continue this work in California. If you know of any school health centers in the San Diego area who are looking for NPs, please contact Pam for her resume at (619) 609-9480 or pammconner@yahoo.com