

State & Federal Policy Update

What's Next for School Health & SBHCs?





Workshop Objectives

Learn about new policies impacting school health and student support services

- Specifically: State Budget, State Legislation, Federal Budget & Legislation

Identify next steps to leverage these changes to advance SBHCs and school health



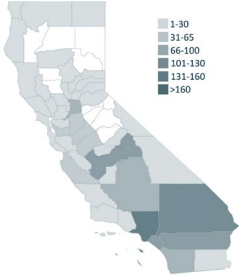
Who's here?

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 and/or policymaker
- e) Community-based health provider/partner
- f) County department or Medi-Cal health plan representative
- g) Other – please type into chat

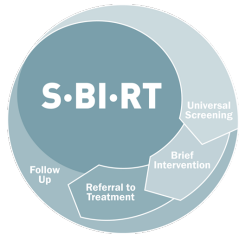


CSHA's 2021 Policy Priorities



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.

STATE BUDGET

2021-22

GF Resources
\$203.6 Billion

GF Expenditures
\$196.4 Billion



The enacted budget reflects General Fund resources of \$203.6 billion and anticipated expenditures of \$196.4 billion, including \$4.6 billion for the HCBS Spending Plan. The remaining funds are held in reserve.

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



Deeper Dive: MCP Incentive Program

BACKGROUND

- 24 plans contract with DHCS
- 1-7 plans per county
- 89% of children in Medi-Cal are enrolled
- Network of providers
- Don't *generally* work with schools for services to members

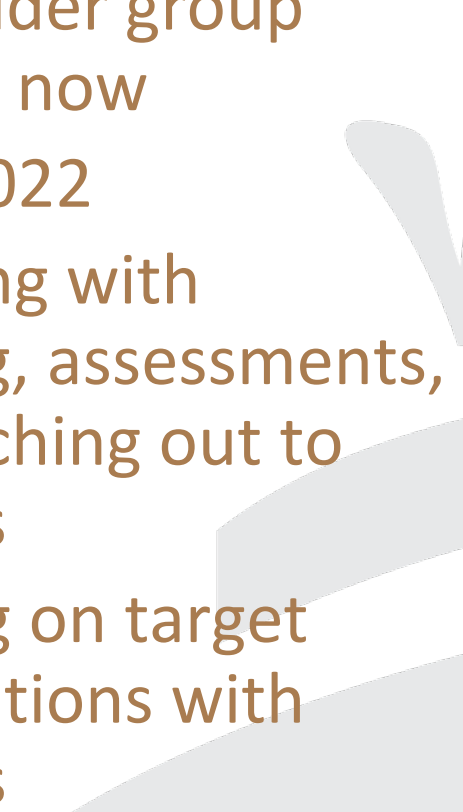


Deeper Dive: MCP Incentive Program

GOALS

- Improve coordination for student bh
- Increase number of students receiving preventive and early intervention BH services
- Increase access to health plan covered BH services in schools

TIMELINE

- CSHA is part of stakeholder group meeting now
 - Starts 2022
 - Beginning with planning, assessments, and reaching out to partners
 - Deciding on target interventions with partners
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Possible “Target” Interventions

That increase access to prevention and early intervention services...

- Schoolwide “wellness” programs (like MHFA)
- Suicide prevention strategies
- Parent and family supports

This is nice but what about sustainability?!

That increase access to MCP-covered services

- Increasing telehealth infrastructure
- Establish contracts with school providers

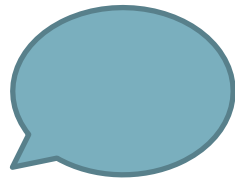
SBHC Infrastructure!
Contracts for SBHC providers!

DO YOU KNOW YOUR MCPs?

STEP ONE: If you don't know, look up the health plans operating in your county:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/individuals/Pages/MMCDHealthPlanDir.aspx>

STEP TWO: Chat the name of your county AND the health plans.



Ed Funding for Student Health

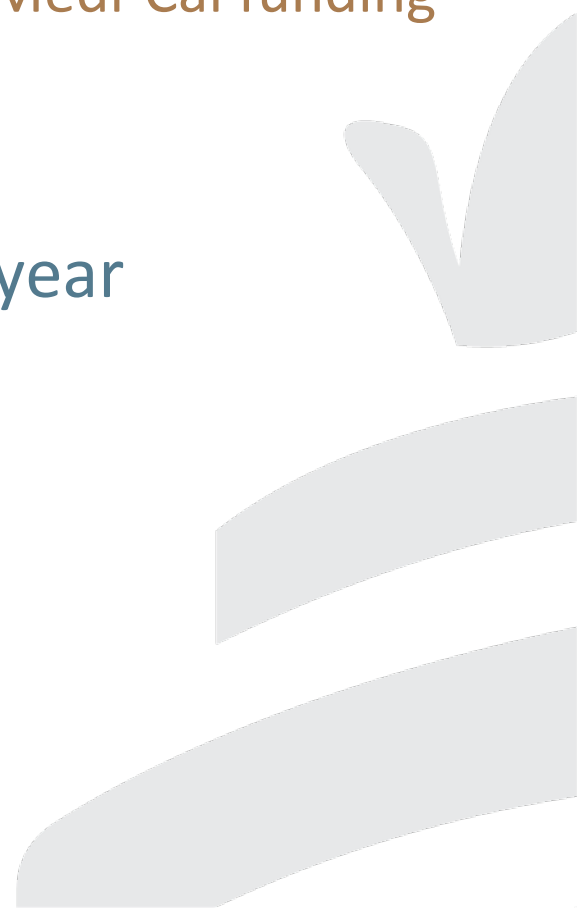
School Health Demonstration Project: \$5 million

- 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)

Community Schools: \$2.8 billion



Deeper Dive: Community Schools

Four Pillars of Community Schools



Video: <https://communityschools.futureforlearning.org/videos-media>

**Poll: How familiar with
Community Schools were you
before today?**

- a) Very familiar
- b) Somewhat familiar
- c) Not at all familiar

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Planning Grants

\$200,000 for up to
2 years

Implementation Grants

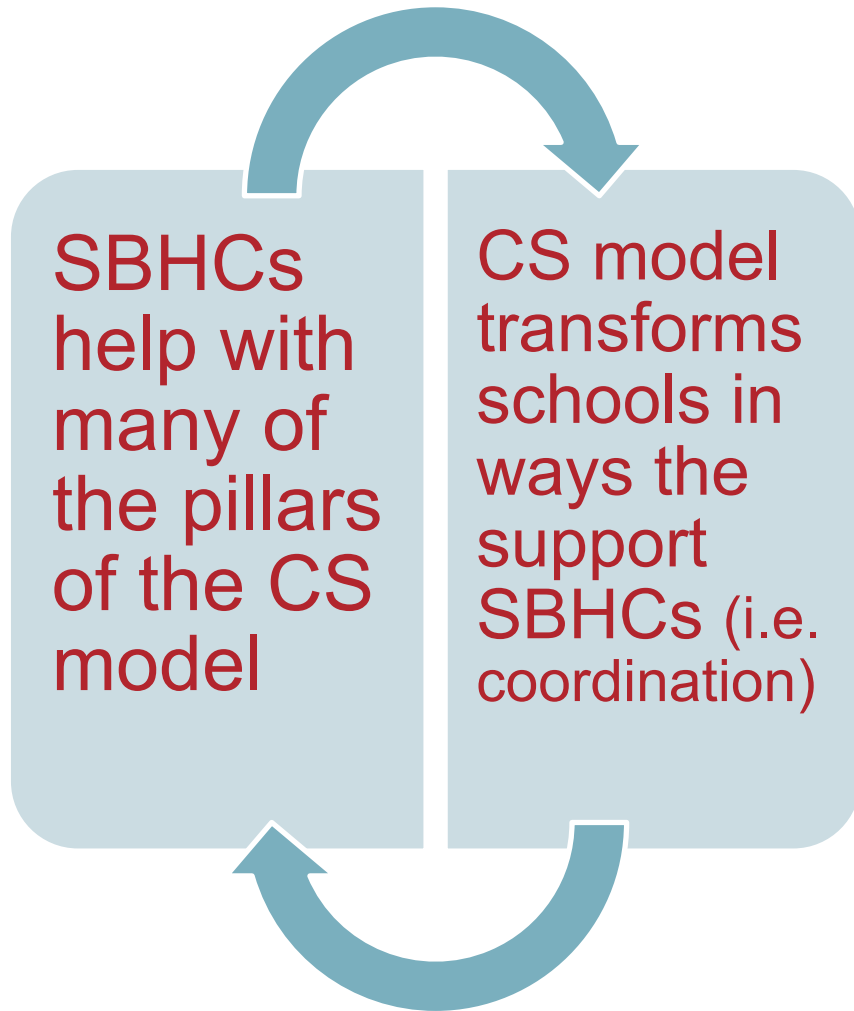
\$500,000/year for 5
years

Coordination Grants

\$100,000/year

5 regional technical
assistance centers

Deeper Dive: Community Schools



OPPORTUNITIES

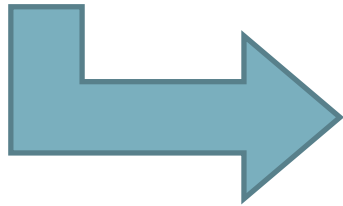
- Bringing in health partners to run SBHCs
- Planning & facility funding to launch SBHCs
- Hiring CS Coordinator to improve linkages to SBHC services
- Engaging parents and youth (through SBHC Youth Advisory Boards)

STATE LEGISLATION



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 – **2 YR BILL**

- Passed Assembly Appropriations, Held in Assembly
- Lots of support in Legislature
- Opposition from DHCS

Other Legislation to Note

AB 32 (Aguiar-Curry): Telehealth

AB 285 (Holden): State school nurse consult

AB 586 (O'Donnell): School Health Demons

AB 1117 (Wicks): Healthy Start

**Incorporated
into budget
trailer bills**

AB 1038 (Gipson): CA Health Equity Program – **2 YR BILL**

More at <https://www.schoolhealthcenters.org/policy/legislation-advocacy/tracked-legislation/>

FEDERAL UPDATES



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
- \$60 million in Senate package



Questions



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