

West Virginia School-Based Health Assembly

Annual Report: April 2007 – March 2008

Healthy Students – Better Students



Mission

The Mission of the West Virginia School-Based Health Assembly is to advance comprehensive health care in school settings through responsive policies, practices, and partnerships.



The West Virginia School-Based Health Assembly (WVSBHA) brings together interested individuals and organizations to promote health services in schools to help students be healthy learners. Formed in 1995, the WVSBHA is an affiliate of the West Virginia Primary Care Association, and is a founding member of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care.

Key Highlights

Policies

- Secured bi-partisan congressional support of the School-Based Health Clinic Act, which would authorize for the first time, a federal grant-based program for the operation and development of school-based health clinics (SBHCs). Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito is an original cosponsor of the House legislation, and Senator Jay Rockefeller co-sponsored the Senate companion bill.
- Mobilized advocates for school health through a national postcard campaign, congressional visits, Capitol Hill rally attended by over 15 West Virginians, state-level advocacy days, advocacy training, and sponsorship of an annual policy roundtable.
- Increased awareness among state legislators through adoption of a study resolution on school health and a presentation to members of the health and education committees.

Practices

- Garnered new champions, support and visibility of the school-based health center model through the Healthy Students – Better Students Campaign. During the first phase of the campaign, open houses were held at Riverside Health Center, Jackson County Schools

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SBHC Highlights

School-based health centers (SBHCs) are health clinics located in or near schools that provide preventive and primary care to students.

During the 2006-07 school year, 45 school-based health centers served over 24,000 students in 56 schools in 22 counties. There were over 67,000 student visits recorded during the 2006-07 school year. The newest SBHC opened in March 2008 at Webster County High School.

For 25 of the SBHCs, the health team includes a master's level mental health therapist, providing increased opportunities to integrate primary care and mental health.

In addition to expansion in unserved counties, future directions include additional mental health and oral health services, and new models of service delivery.



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Wellness Center, Lincoln Wildcat Center for Health, East Fairmont High School Wellness Center, Mount View Wellness Center, Collins Middle School Wellness Center, Brandon Wellness Center, and Pendleton County High School Health Center. The events were attended by First Lady Gayle Manchin, WVU President Mike Garrison, Strongest Man in the World Phil Pfister, DHHR Secretary Martha Walker, State School Superintendent Steve Paine, legislators, students, parents, school nurses, local health providers and representatives of the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and the Sisters of Saint Joseph Health and Wellness Foundation.

- Strengthened communications and awareness of the organization and school-based health centers through message development, new communication tools, regular e-news updates, a redesigned web-site, and presentations. During the past year, SBHCs were highlighted at the Children's Health Conference, the Primary Care-Mental Health Integration Showcase, the Oral Health Conference, WV Primary Care Awareness Day at the State Capitol, and the WV National Association of Social Workers Convention.
- Maintained a strong organizational structure to guide the work of the organization through an updated strategic plan, a committed Executive Team, and active task teams.

Partnerships

- Provided input to partner organizations about sustainability and expansion recommendations, in addition to recommended policy changes.
- Laid the groundwork for outcomes research, networking and learning opportunities using technology, review of Standards, Guidelines and Principles for School-Based Health Centers, and phase two of the open house campaign.

Special recognition and appreciation is provided to the Sisters of Saint Joseph Health and Wellness Foundation for supporting the development and operations of WWSBHA through third year grant funds. Special project funding has been provided by many partners at the state level including the Divisions of Primary Care and Health Promotion within the WV Bureau of Public Health, as well as the Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities.

Financial Statement

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Income

Sisters of Saint Joseph	
Health & Wellness Foundation Grant	\$ 80,000
State Grant – Communication Strategies	4,325
Other Income	100
Total Income	84,425

Expenses

Sisters of Saint Joseph	
Health & Wellness Foundation Grant	\$ 79,983
Communication Expenses	4,556
Total Expenses	84,539

Decrease in Net Assets	(114)
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	3,362
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$ 3,248</u>

WWSBHA Executive Team

President

Brian Crist, Executive Director,
Lincoln Primary Care Center

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