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School Health Access (SHA) Steering Committee

December 18, 2024 – Meeting Summary

Attendees

DHCFP: Malinda Southard, Monica Schiffer, Erica McAllister; Facilitators / Sellers Dorsey: Amanda Mozes, Olivia Brown, Janel Myers, Brian Hefferan, Lisa Eisenberg (WestEd)

Committee Members: Bre Taylor, Christy McGill, Dana Walburn, Jennifer Bauer, Jessica Adams, Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Nancy Brooks, Vickie S. Ives

Meeting Summary

Introductions

The Sellers Dorsey team provided introductions for new members of the Steering Committee serving as LEA representatives. The new Steering Committee members (Nancy Brooks, CCUSD, and Jennifer Bauer, SPCSA) provided introductions in turn.

Amanda noted that Steering Committee members who were unable to join will have the opportunity to respond in writing to DHCFP and Sellers Dorsey with any questions or feedback related to the slides presented during the meeting.

New Member Recommendation Process

Monica Schiffer, Community and Provider Engagement Chief, provided an update on open recruitment for another parent member with lived experience navigating Medicaid on behalf of a child in Nevada. DHCFP welcomes recommendations from the Steering Committee and requests that all recommendations be directed to the Department. Moving forward, DHCFP will update the group in the event that additional members are added to the Steering Committee to fill gaps in expertise or complement current members.

Needs and Infrastructure Assessment Findings Preview

The Committee reviewed the timeline and activities to date related to the development of the Needs and Infrastructure Assessment. The final Needs and Infrastructure Assessments will be submitted to CMS on January 30, 2025.

A comprehensive list of all data sources used to inform the Needs and Infrastructure Assessments was reviewed. Key findings were shared with the Steering Committee. These findings related to: non-participating LEAs across the state; insight into specific Medicaid billing complexities, which limit SHS program participation and

reimbursement; barriers to services in rural and Tribal communities; drivers of workforce shortages; and prerequisites for successful adoption of a common EHR system.

Monica clarified that the state charter authority has enrolled in Medicaid recently, but has not yet started billing.

A Steering Committee member referenced a recent DHHS programmatic and policy evaluation and shared that the findings largely align with those shared today. Another member inquired as to whether existing hub-and-spoke rural and frontier models used for community health worker (CHW) reimbursement are being considered or leveraged as part of this effort. Discussion around whether these considerations do or should fall under the purview of this Steering Committee followed. Additional insight into whether Doulas might be leveraged to meet the needs of pregnant individuals, a small but high-need subpopulation, was requested.

SHA Resource Center Preview and Landscape Analysis

DHCFP shared a preview of the School Health Access (SHA) Resource Center webpage, which will be published on December 30, 2024. The vision is for the SHA Resource Center to be continually updated with additional technical or billing assistance, "office hours" for LEAs, and other relevant resources.

A Steering Committee member suggested multidisciplinary state representation (e.g., nurses, mental health professionals, etc.) at proposed "office hours" to ensure both technical and practice-related questions can be answered. Another referenced an old interlocal agreement between Department of Public Health, DHCFP, and NDE specific to school health as a potential guide for future MOU development.

The Steering Committee was presented with findings of a landscape review of best practices related to School Health Services Resource Centers in other states. A member requested clarification on the target population of this Resource Center. Clarification was provided that the primary audience is LEA program administrators, but DHCFP wants to ensure the information is useful and accessible by other interested stakeholders. Others suggested including a parent resource section; links to the SHA Resource Center and other existing SHS resources, trainings, and/or entities (e.g. UNR PBIS-TA Center, School Nurse Association, and linking to NDE); links to evidence based practice resources to assist with claims approval and denials, and opportunities for peer support among LEAs. Suggestion to consider quarterly best practice webinars co-hosted with LEA program administrators or other state NDE staff; potential topics offered by Committee members included examples of EPSDT in school context, how Managed Care Organizations serve members and what they offer, developing parent resources, facilitating monthly LEA Medicaid meetings with service provider department leads.

Parent resources shared by members: <https://ssd.ccsd.net/shsmedicaid/shsmedicaid-parents-guardians/>; and <https://www.unr.edu/nced/projects/family-navigation-network>

School Billing System/EHR Procurement

The Steering Committee was provided with an update on EHR recommendations, RFP timeline, key pending decision points, and next steps for collecting additional data and information. The Steering Committee had an opportunity to review the email that will be sent to all LEAs to solicit input on the state billing system/EHR.

A Steering Committee member recommended requesting information from LEAs about how they import/export information between current systems and inquiring around any data repository systems in use at the LEA. Another member stressed the importance of factoring in time for school districts to gain necessary approvals from school boards as well as ensuring the selected system works with Infinite Campus. A member also shared information around the ongoing creation of a "data lake" within NDE for additional follow-up to ensure compatibility with future state-option EHR/billing system.

CMS School Health Services Grant Update

The Steering Committee received a status update on the upcoming CMS reporting deliverables due in January 2025.

A request was made for any Steering Committee member who has attended a CMS Technical Assistance Center (TAC) to indicate the specific meetings they have attended for reporting purposes.

Subcommittee Members are welcome to share input on how to gauge the success of grant initiatives; ensure input from rural, tribal, and remote areas; approach sustainability planning; and facilitate the collection of data. Other notes for compilation and follow-up:

- *Nancy Brooks has attended every TAC meeting. She also runs a Medicaid Billing Expansion Steering Committee and links all TAC resources in the meeting materials of this group*
- *Christy referenced NAS - Monthly Superintendent Meetings that could serve as a good avenue for disseminating information.*
 - *Special Education Directors also meet monthly and should be updated on grant activities that might overlap (e.g., free care billing and special education billing should be informed by one another) – DHCFP requested follow-up for contact with SED and best forum to provide updates as previously they have experienced challenges connecting with group.*
 - *Pool Pact for rural districts. All districts pay in to get one service; an arrangement like this could be leveraged here. - Rural PoolPact--Sean Moyle <seanmoyle@poolpact.com>*
 - *Indian Education--Fredina Drye-Romero <fromero@doe.nv.gov> (already part of the Steering Committee)*

Next SHA Steering Committee Meeting

Scheduling is in-progress for the January SHA Steering Committee meeting and 2025 series. More information to follow.