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School Health Access (SHA) Steering Committee

May 29, 2025 - Meeting Summary

Attendees

DHCFP: Monica Schiffer, Erica McAllister; Facilitators / Sellers Dorsey: Olivia Brown, Lisa Eisenberg (WestEd)

Committee Members: Christy McGill (present on behalf of NDE during Dana's absence), Jenna Grant, Jennifer Bauer, Karen Mertz, Monica Romero, Nancy Brooks, & Vickie Ives

Meeting Summary

SHA Resource Center Update

DHCFP continues to update and expand the School Health Access Resource Center website. Committee members were provided an overview of the current iteration of the site, which includes links to various relevant resources, policies, and opportunities to connect with DHCFP. One Steering Committee member suggested linking to publicly available data sources, such as a dashboard that tracks school screening and vaccination data. DHCPF indicated it would consider this suggestion, which seems to align with the future creation of a tab dedicated to data and reporting. Another Steering Committee member suggested adding a brief statement to further clarify that parental consent for SBS does not impact outside coverage to the forthcoming 'Family Resources' tab.

School Billing System/EHR Procurement Update

DHCFP provided an overview of the ongoing school billing system/EHR procurement process. At this time, the solicitation has closed and DHCFP is evaluating responses from interested vendors and plans to release a notice of award in August. Following BOE approval, DHCFP and the selected vendor will begin pilot implementation in late 2025 into early 2026. Implementation will include the creation of an initial cohort of several interested LEAs. Depending on the number of interested LEAs, DHCFP will consider releasing an application and/or requiring a letter of intent for participation in Cohort 1.

CMS School Health Services Grant Update

Since the last Steering Committee meeting, DHCFP has submitted the Q3 progress report and the Year 2 Non-Competing Continuation Application to CMS. DHCFP is awaiting feedback from CMS and will share updates with the Steering Committee as they are received. In regard to ongoing data collection efforts, DHCFP and the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) are finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and a data sharing agreement. These will facilitate collaboration between DHCFP and NDE as they continue efforts to expand reporting capabilities, particularly related to data on Medicaid- and CHIP-enrolled students with IEPs or 504 Plans.

SHS Program Evaluation

DHCFP has made progress on its program evaluation framework to measure the success of the SHS program, both under the CMS SBS Grant and beyond. DHCFP reported that it will share the selected slate of process, outcome, and/or impact indicators as well as a logic model at the next Steering Committee meeting. Additionally, DHCFP reported that 17 of 18 LEAs responded to the Second Annual School Survey, sharing valuable insight into current billing practices and opportunities for DHCFP to further support LEAs' expansion of the SHS program. A more detailed analysis of survey results will be incorporated into the program evaluation framework and shared at a later date.

SPA and SHS Program Guide Update

DHCFP was pleased to report that CMS has approved its SPA, which allows school counselors, school social workers, and school psychologists with NDE endorsements to get reimbursed for allowable school health services within their licensure and scope of practice. The Steering Committee brainstormed about methods to effectively disseminate information related to these new allowable provider types, including multi-modal meetings with providers, a stakeholder call for in-depth discussion with LEAs and providers about documentation practices, and meetings with LEAs' HR professionals so they understand the provider types that can be hired to provide covered SHS. DHCFP will take these suggestions into consideration and proceed appropriately. Additionally, DHCPF confirmed it is working to develop resources to clarify what is allowable under the recently approved SPA and will share those once complete. Finally, the MSM 2800 chapter has been approved, and the corresponding program guide has been posted to the SHA Resource Center.

Next SHA Steering Committee Meeting

The next SHA Steering Committee will be scheduled in July, following a bimonthly meeting cadence. DHCFP will send an invite to Steering Committee members.