State Team Updates

Healthy Students, Promising Futures
Learning Collaborative
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State Action Plan & Update: California

December 2018
Progress Since June 2018...

- SPA 15-021 – Proposes to add new services and practitioners to the LEA BOP and move the program to the Random Moment Time Study process. DHCS recently provided responses related to care coordination and is awaiting feedback.

- School-based Healthcare Programs – DHCS convened the first gathering of both the School-based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program and the LEA BOP providers.

- AB 3192 - Directs DHCS to provide a fiscal and program compliance guide, developed in consultation with stakeholders including LEAs.

- AB 2315 - Expanding Tele-Health collaboration on behavioral health

- Suicide Prevention Policies – 85% of LEA’s now have required policies in place. 18-19 Budget $1.7M for online suicide prevention training for middle and high school staff and students

- Title IVA - Competitive Grant Program directed by the Legislature

- CDE Collaboration w/ Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
Desired Outcomes

• *Enhance School-Based Health Services via SPA 15-021.*

• *Continue to refine a more comprehensive view of School-Based health services and develop a continuum of health services in schools.*

• *Strengthen coalitions, relationships, and collaboration at state and local levels.*
Team Goals & Objectives

**Short-term Goals**

SPA 15-021 approval and begin implementation.

Provide training and education to providers related to the implementation of RMTS, new services and cost report changes.

Implementation of expanding telehealth and suicide prevention policies.

**Long-term Goals**

Explore how to better identify and blend local, state, and federal funding to support and improve the availability and quality of a continuum of health services in schools.

Galvanizing greater institutional support for collaboration that strengthens our school-based health referral and delivery system.
Barriers to Your Team’s Work

• Still need to fully identify and articulate gaps in services and accurately measure student need.

• Coalition partners don’t always share the same goals.

• Cultural differences and embedded organizational systems create challenges to collaboration between the two major institutional entities responsible for student health.
Mitigation Strategies for Barriers

- Educate stakeholders and support identification and articulation of common goals.
- Identify common ground and create incentives to collaborate.
- Assess services to identify gaps and identify barriers.
Technical Assistance (TA) Needs

• Support to catalyze regular state team meetings and follow-up on action items.
• Active thought partnership and learning from other states on identifying service gaps and service delivery best practices.
• Review examples and models of health and education agency collaboration from other state partners.
• More clarification from CMS on the collaboration with managed care plans.
Healthy Students, Promising Futures Learning Collaborative State Action Plan & Update: Colorado

December 2018
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Progress Since June 2018...

• Developed marketing material both LEA specific and statewide. Shared materials with participating districts to educate other stakeholder in education and community partners regarding the SHS Program

• Identified a Child Health Cross Matrix Team – first focus is data sharing

• Determined the need to evaluate further possible expansion to free care services
  • Phase III pilot time study to start in January
  • Eight LEAs participating
  • Concludes end of February
Desired Outcomes

• Expand knowledge of what is happening around the nation and gain any best practices from others

• Share information with other states based on our experience in Colorado
  • Especially those where CO may be one of the first adopters (i.e. impact of marijuana legalization on education)

• Gain insight from federal partners

• Improve and expand school health services for students
Team Goals & Objectives

Short-term Goals

• Complete Phase III Free Care Analysis
• Form strategic partnerships to support school health services alignment and efficiencies
• Provide example(s) of collaboration between Schools and RAEs

Long-term Goals

• Determine if expanding School Health Services Program to include free care services
• Develop data-sharing pilot
Barriers to Your Team’s Work

• **Barriers to expanding to free care services:**
  • State Plan, Reimbursement structure

• **Barriers with Schools and RAEs**
  • New RAE contracts – uncharted territory

• **Data sharing**
  • HIPAA/FERPA
  • Local control
Mitigation Strategies for Barriers

• **Free Care**
  • *Detailed Phase III analysis to gather data to make informed decisions*
  • *Conservative pilot to address possible changes in notification*

• **RAEs**
  • *Working with one region first – not everything all at once*

• **Data sharing**
  • *Requested TA*
Technical Assistance (TA) Needs

- Request in for Technical Assistance around data sharing
  - HIPAA/FERPA
  - Sample Agreements
  - Reducing Fear/alleviating barriers to data sharing
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State Action Plan & Update: District of Columbia

December 2018
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State: Washington, DC

Progress includes:

• Submitted memo to DHCF leadership with findings from the fiscal impact analysis and recommending no policy change at this time. DC will not eliminate the IEP requirement under the school health provision of the Medicaid State Plan.

• Developed a data sharing agreement for with one of DC’s largest charter schools between DC Medicaid & the Office of the State Superintendent of Education.

Opportunities include:

• Improving the documentation processes for direct services delivered to children without an IEP;
• School behavioral health program

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Progress Since June 2018...

- September LEA trainings
- Continuing to prepare for expansion
  - Publishing resources
  - Internal operational preparation (incl. revised RMTS predefined answers)
Desired Outcomes

- Understand what other states are doing around ordering and referring and program integrity
- Learn from other states’ structures and LEA/provider relationships
Team Goals & Objectives

**Short-term Goals**
- Continue updating communications materials, including billing and RMTS guidance
- Provide additional trainings
- Complete operational prep for expansion (effective 7/1/19)

**Long-term Goals**
- Utilize lessons learned re O&R
- Leverage best practices from collaborative partners re program integrity
- Increase LEA involvement
- Successfully implement expansion
Barriers to Your Team’s Work

• *Expansion is uncharted territory – biggest challenge is to anticipate and mitigate challenges*

• *Historically limited LEA engagement*
Mitigation Strategies for Barriers

• *Identify best practices from fellow collaborative members and other states*
• *Engage with LEAs to better understand their challenges and opportunities*
• *Continuous program and process improvement*
Technical Assistance (TA) Needs

• We would be interested in exploring Ordering and Referring technical assistance opportunities
Additional Updates

• We look forward to sharing additional updates during our presentation on Wednesday
Healthy Students, Promising Futures Learning Collaborative State Action Plan & Update: Ohio

December 2018
Progress Since June 2018...

- Implementation of a Education Department (ODE) restructuring to bring forward health of students as a significant issue to academic success
  - Office of Integrated School Services
- ODE: point person for day-to-day work of facilitating school healthcare
- Adoption of a strategy to use Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) to help LEAs with coordination of healthcare services
- Ongoing school based healthcare roundtable
Desired Outcomes

- Make healthcare access an integral part of school for all children
- Align this work with new administration’s goals on mental health access and opioid addiction (and trauma related to its impact)
- Develop a statewide collaborative to help similarly-situated schools find success through peer-driven discussions
Team Goals & Objectives

**Short-term Goals**

- *Get new administration behind current efforts, and adjust expectations to align current efforts with priorities of new governor/legislature*
- *Use our data collection to begin to inform financial considerations in next biennial budget*
- *Maintain momentum*

**Long-term Goals**

- *Use data to demonstrate success of school health and collaboration*
- *Use peer groups to expand active participation in school healthcare collaborative*
- *Continue to align the facilitation and coloration of schools with healthcare professionals in all districts*
- *Change perception of schools to be a major partner in child healthcare access*
Barriers to Your Team’s Work

• *New players at state level in executive leadership*

• *Keeping momentum going on this work*

• *Finding new opportunities for funding (beyond state dollars) to develop infrastructure*
Mitigation Strategies for Barriers

- Outreach to new administration on shared goals
- Being a good steward of public dollars to show the value of our work
- Data
- Continued cooperation with local, state, and federal partners to make certain issues are addressed in a meaningful way
- Share the success of our partners here!
Technical Assistance (TA) Needs

- Mental Health services - how best to open up opportunities for increased levels of services in schools
- Infrastructure funding: how can we access grant funding to help address the costs of services BEFORE they are delivered
- Free care: how can Ohio make sure we make schools an optimal partner in delivering services in a paradigm of Medicaid managed care plans (MCPs)
  - How to decide if a service should be on an IEP, or community-based, and how to get the MCPs to cover services delivered in school settings when appropriate
Additional Updates

• Keep the spark going with kindling and windbreaks!
• Be sure to use our shared expertise to help one another!
• Focus on kids and our future: they deserve our very best efforts!!!
Healthy Students, Promising Futures Learning Collaborative State Action Plan & Update: South Carolina

December 2018
Progress Since June 2018...

- Telemedicine/telehealth now expanded to 10 school districts and 73 schools
- Expansion of nursing services to non – IEP students as a result of Free Care; development of Individual Health Plan requirement if no IEP
- By 2022, every student will have access to school-based mental health services
- Received Project AWARE SAMHSA grant to expand mental health services in the schools in partnership with SC Department of Mental Health
- Development of a Medicaid Financial Reporting system to track trends in reimbursement by procedure codes, program types and by various time frames
Desired Outcomes

• Share and learn from other states and national experts how to improve, expand and better manage Medicaid reimbursement to improve student’s health and behavioral health.
Team Goals & Objectives

Short-term Goals
Assist interested school districts to become Medicaid-approved Autism providers

Long-term Goals
By 2022, every student will have access to school-based mental health services
Barriers to Your Team’s Work

• Time, energy and effort
Mitigation Strategies for Barriers

• Project AWARE will engage outsider partners/experts, state-level analyses, pilots, and identification of best practices
Technical Assistance (TA) Needs

• None at this time
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State Action Plan & Update: Tennessee

December 2018
Progress Since June 2018...

• Finalized joint TennCare and Tennessee Department of Education Billing Manual.
• Shared Billing Manual and resources with each school district via Commissioner’s Update.
• School-based/school-linked clinics increased by 7%.
• Tennessee Comprehensive School-based Mental Health Resource Guide was created to support school districts interested in expanding their capacity to provide students with mental health supports and services.
Desired Outcomes

• Support and guidance for continued partnership between Tennessee Department of Education and TennCare for expanding Medicaid eligible services that may be claimed in schools.

• Sharing best practices for increasing access to school health services through Medicaid reimbursement.
Team Goals & Objectives

Short-term Goals
By June 2019, strengthen relationships in order to enhance capacity to sustain the work that has been done.

Long-term Goals
By December 2019, explore policies that impact school health services by expanding services for students enrolled in Medicaid.
Barriers to Your Team’s Work

- Administrative process
- Wait time for credentialing providers
- State regulatory/legislative barriers
Mitigation Strategies for Barriers

- Identification of best practices.
- Pilot program.
- Engaging new leadership.
Technical Assistance (TA) Needs

• No technical assistance needs are currently identified.
Additional Updates

• Metro Nashville Public Schools Medicaid Reimbursement Pilot:
  • Hired own mid-level provider to be responsible for all aspects of Medicaid reimbursement
  • Expanded Medicaid reimbursement to all schools this year
  • Looking to improve knowledge of Medicaid reimbursement among nursing staff to better articulate process to parents
  • Integrating new mid-level provider into current system of managing reimbursement
Additional Updates

• One of 17 states awarded CDC’s *Improving Student Health and Academic Achievement Through Nutrition, Physical Activity, and the Management of Chronic Conditions in Schools* (1801 – Healthy Schools) Priority 1 grant.

• Single state awarded CDC’s Priority 2 grant which is professional development for SEAs with a focus on team based cross cutting topics.
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State Action Plan & Update: Virginia

December 2018
Progress Since June 2018...

- Virginia is in the Process of Medicaid Expansion. This has taken priority in Virginia Medicaid.

- There also has been a change in leadership teams at DMAS and DOE.
Desired Outcomes

- DMAS and DOE hope to learn the success stories as well as what did not work when it comes to the implementation of “Free Care”.
# Team Goals & Objectives

## Short-term Goals

*Orient new leadership on “Free Care” and where we are in the process.*

Turnover and reorganization require training of leadership and staff.

## Long-term Goals

SPA
Barriers to Your Team’s Work

• Orienting new leadership
• Competing priorities
• Political reactive environments
• Limited resources
Mitigation Strategies for Barriers

- Have DOE Assistant Superintendent to discuss with the DMAS director the Free Care priority (get them up to speed)
- Show leadership the link between the expansion of school services to high priority initiatives such as behavioral Health, SUD, and Telehealth
Additional Updates

• Prepare for NPI/ORP for our providers
Healthy Students, Promising Futures Learning Collaborative State Action Plan & Update: Washington

December 2018
Progress Since June 2018...

- Legislative updates and requests to expand regional behavioral health resources in schools
- Legislative request for statewide suicide prevention resources
- Legislative request to bolster supports for school nurses
- Requested TA for telehealth and trauma-informed policy
- Attended NAME and CSMH
Desired Outcomes

• Ongoing state-level collaboration planning and coordination to leverage legislative initiatives for health outcomes and health savings

• Comprehensive health services in schools and linkages with community healthcare providers for comprehensive services and coordinated care and planning
## Team Goals & Objectives

### Short-term Goals

- Legislation for expanding the regional behavioral health pilot projects to the rest of the state
- Increase number of schools Participating in MAC and SBHS by presenting to regional special education directors.

### Long-term Goals

- Simplify/Eliminate the IGT process in the School-based Health Services Program
- Regionalize contracts at the 9 Educational Service Districts with Managed Care to bill for students in the general education population, (rather than 295 school districts attempting to work with Managed Care).
Barriers to Your Team’s Work

- Complexity in communicating about Medicaid to decision makers/agency leaders
- Competing priorities
- Connecting academic outcomes and health outcomes (particularly with ESSA & Managed Care)
- Navigating Managed Care
Mitigation Strategies for Barriers

- Ongoing relationships and partnerships (this just takes time!)
- Messaging, sharing story
- Conducting case studies
Technical Assistance (TA) Needs

• Telehealth
• Trauma-informed policy
• Messaging about Medicaid reimbursement—how does it work, how are the funds used? How can we explain this simply?