



Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers

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NATIONAL UPDATE:

- ?? **NASBHC National Conference in Denver Reached New Altitudes**—The National Assembly on School-Based Health Care (NASBHC) held its national conference last month in Denver, CO. Thirty-six people from Illinois attended the conference and had positive things to say. Some of the favored sessions included “Implementing a Continuous QI Program”, “From Decoration to Distortion: Physical, Cultural & Psychological Factors”, “School Safety: Violence, Bullying and Victimization”. Sessions on funding including third party revenue were also offered. You can purchase CD-Roms and cassettes of the conference and individual sessions through Digitell Inc. at www.digitellinc.com or 1-800-679-3646.
- ?? **National SHC Awareness Campaign to Launch in February 2003**—“The time to make friends is before you need them”, Lyndon Johnson. The national campaign is an opportunity to raise your health center’s profile among key stakeholders. A nationally coordinated effort will be launched in February. ICSHC committees will be working to coordinate a plan to raise the profile of school health centers statewide. To participate in planning the Illinois public awareness campaign, contact Karen Berg at 312.491.8161 or karenberg@ameritech.net.

STATE UPDATE:

- ?? **IDHS State School Health Center Program Funding Maintained**—After an extended session of the general assembly the Governor signed the FY2003 budget in early June. Funding for school health centers and the ICSHC was maintained at the FY02 level. Please be sure to thank your state Senator and Representative for supporting school health centers in this tough budget year. The budget included a mixture of gains and pain for Illinois organizations and communities. To save a few programs from harmful cuts, legislators enacted a 40-cent increase in the per-pack cigarette tax that ICSHC supported. The tax increase will save thousands of Illinois children from this deadly addiction. Contact IMCHC at ilmaternal@ameritech.net or 312.491.8161 for a FY2003 budget summary.
- ?? **School Code Bill Signed by Governor**—The Senate bill (SB 929) that amended the School Code to clarify that APNs and PAs both perform physical health examinations and authorize APNs and PAs to sign their own exam form was signed into law by Governor Ryan on Friday, July 19th. For more information go to www.illinoisapns.org.
- ?? **Peoria In-School Health Program Faces Tough Year**—The three hospitals that sponsored 9 in-school health centers in Peoria county and others in Tazwell county announced in May that the program would be ending at the end of this school year due to lack of funding support. In Peoria, 5,000 kids were served by the centers and the city has some of the worst health statistics than any other in the state. The Peoria community came together to speak out in support of the in-school health centers at school board meetings and the Peoria newspaper editorialized in support of the programs. Community members are working with the new superintendent and Methodist Hospital to ideally keep 1 or 2 of the centers open. The school health center sponsored by Methodist Hospital, at Valeska Hinton school that serves children aged 0 to the third grade and serves community members was not included in those centers that closed.
- ?? **Promote KidCare at Back to School Events**—The Covering Kids Illinois initiative will work with school health centers to promote KidCare at back to school events. This can be as simple as sending a press release to the media and distributing materials. Promoting KidCare will help to get the word out to families that will be eligible for their children to receive coverage. To receive information on what you can do to promote KidCare please contact Kathy Chan at 312.491.8161 or coveringkids@ameritech.net.
- ?? **Congressman Evans to Visit School Health Link in Silvis**—U.S. Congressman Lane Evans is scheduled to visit the School Health Link in Silvis on August 14th. Program director Sally O'Donnell is organizing a morning open house to welcome Congressman Evans and educate him about the services the centers provide and resources needed to address important health needs of the county's children and adolescents. Also scheduled to attend are State Representative Mike Boland, County Board Commission Bill Armstrong, school superintendents, hospital CEOs, students and parents. Visits to

school health centers are one of the best ways to educate decision makers. For assistance in organizing a school health center visit please contact ICSHC staff at 312.491.8161 or karenberg@ameritech.net.

GRANTS UPDATE:

- ?? **ICSHC Receives Asthma Grant**—The Illinois Department of Public Health awarded the ICSHC a grant to organize three asthma workshops across the state. Attendees will receive educational materials including the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute Guidelines and other resources including peak flow meters and disposable mouthpieces. A member of the state asthma workgroup will run the workshops in southern, central and northern Illinois. Look for announcements coming soon. If you have additional questions please contact Karen Berg at 312.491.8161 or karenberg@ameritech.net.
- ?? **2003 Local Initiative Funding Partners (LIFP) Program**—The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation issued a call for proposals for its LIFP program for 2003. LIFP supports partnerships between RWJF and local funders to support innovative community based projects that improve health and health care for underserved and at-risk populations. For more information visit www.lifp.org.
- ?? **IDHS Update, New Health Centers on the Horizon**—A new health center will open this school year at Maine Township East High School in Park Ridge. A health center opened in July in Beyer Elementary School in Rockford. This is a temporary site through August and then it will be relocated to a community action agency building across the street from the school. The school serves pre-K through 4th grade. A planning grant was awarded to Champaign Urbana Health department to develop a school health center in the Urbana School District. Good luck to you all!
- ?? **Illinois Funding Source Database**—Announcing Illinois Funding Source, a new online tool from the Donors Forum of Chicago. Illinois Funding Source delivers easy to use directories, reliable research, and in-depth information on funders and grants not available anywhere else - right to your desktop. Illinois Funding Source combines two powerful tools: FoundationSource, a searchable directory of more than 2,500 Illinois foundations, and GrantSource, a database holding \$2.5 billion in grants dollars awarded by local funders. Go to www.donorsforum.org/resource/onlinepromo.html for pricing and subscription information.

RESOURCES UPDATE:

- ?? **Teen Health Website**—The Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health has launched a new website for teens. AllTeenHealth.com was created by teens to address health care questions like confidentiality, communication tips, finding a doctor and more. Questions can be emailed to contact@AllTeenHealth.com. For more information call 312.427.4460.
- ?? **Summer Institute for School-Based Professionals, Chicago**—Chicago Center for Family Health's Family & School Partnerships for Student Success is sponsoring its first institute on July 29th and 30th. The program was designed to assist Chicago area school professionals in engaging and collaborating with students, families and the staff who serve them. Keynote speakers include Froma Walsh, PhD and Mary Jo Barrett, MSW. For more information contact CCFH at 312.372.4731, ccfh@uchicago.edu or www.ccfhchicago.org. The institute is limited to 45 participants.
- ?? **New NASBHC Website**—Check out the newly updated website of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care at www.nasbhc.org. Access TA and Training resources, PR materials and more. New search option makes it easy!
- ?? **Annual Conference on Advancing School Based Mental Health Programs**—Center for School Mental Health Assistance at the University of Maryland is sponsoring its annual conference in Philadelphia September 19-21. This year's theme: Global Perspectives on the Promotion of Mental Health in Schools. For more information, contact CSMHA at 410-706-0980/888-706-0980, <http://csmha.umaryland.edu> or csmha@psych.umaryland.edu.

COALITION UPDATE:

- ?? **Illinois SHCs Accepted to Participate in National QI Initiative**—In March the NASBHC accepted proposals from around the country to participate in the second year of its Preventive Services Improvement Initiative (PSII). ICSHC and eight SHCs in Chicagoland area high schools were chosen as one of the four clusters out of 15 total applicants to participate in the initiative in the coming year. The PSII goals are to assist SBHCs in becoming effective deliverers of high quality preventive services including STD/HIV prevention and document the role of SBHCs in meeting national preventive health goals. SHCs that are participating include Amundsen, Crane, DuSable, Evanston, Lakeview, Orr, Proviso East and Roosevelt. In addition, Arai Middle School Health Center and Dunbar School Health Center will also be participating. The group looks forward to sharing their experiences with SHCs across the state upon the completion of the initiative next spring.
- ?? **Cultural Competence Training Available to ICSHC Members**—ICSHC has teamed up with the Asian Health Coalition of Illinois (AHCII) to offer cultural competency trainings to school health centers and coalition members. ICSHC

is hosting two trainings on August 13th from 9am-12pm and August 14th from 1pm-4pm at the Illinois Maternal office in Chicago. Both trainings are open to the first 20 registrants. AHCI will also come to your site and provide a free training for your staff. Currently they are able to conduct trainings in the city of Chicago and surrounding suburbs. To register for the Cultural Competence training in August or to arrange for one at your center please contact Susan Kim at AHCI at 773.878.0761 or susan@asianhealth.org. All trainings are FREE!

- ?? **Steering Committee Retreat Moves ICSHC Forward**—The ICSHC Steering Committee held its annual retreat on July 19th. The committee evaluated ICSHC's progress in the past year, made revisions to the workplan and discussed a steering committee slate for 2002-03. The revised workplan and steering committee slate will be presented at the next general meeting on October 24th. Thank you to all the steering committee members for their hard work and dedication.
- ?? **HIPAA Taskforce Underway**—ICSHC members are working with a compliance officer from the University of Illinois at Chicago to assist school health centers in becoming compliant with new HIPAA regulations that will take effect over the next few years. If you have not done so already, find out the HIPAA compliance plan of the SHC's sponsoring agency. Make sure that the SHC is incorporated in that plan. The HIPAA Taskforce will be working to compile useful information and materials for SHCs in conjunction with state agencies and the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care. If you are interested in participating in the taskforce please contact Karen Berg at 312.491.8161 or karenberg@ameritech.net.
- ?? **Providers Needed for Chicago Health Fair**—Covering Kids and Families Illinois is co-sponsoring a Back to School Health Fair at the Chicago Children's Museum at Navy Pier on Thursday, August 22nd from 5:00-8:00 p.m. the event is in need of nurses to assist with school physicals and immunizations. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Jennifer Miller at 312-491-8161, or jmiller003@ameritech.net.
- ?? **ICSHC Advocacy Day a Success**—On May 9th 80 students, SHC staff, parents, teachers and community leaders from across the state descended upon Springfield to educate members of the General Assembly about the importance of school health centers. The day was a big success. Students and staff were able to communicate directly to their elected officials about what school health centers have done for them. Students gave a special thank you to Senator Donne Trotter for his unwavering support of school health center funding and other important health issues. Throughout the day people spoke to 25 senators and representatives including Senators Madigan, Silverstein, Obama and Luechtefeld and Representatives McKeon, Osterman, Delgado, Bost and Yarborough. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped to make the day a success! Make sure to thank your elected officials for supporting school health center funding in the FY2003 budget.
- ?? **Request for *The School Health Connection* Newsletter Submissions**—The next issue of *The School Health Connection* is underway. Please submit any announcements, job postings, articles or updates to Karen Berg at karenberg@ameritech.net or via fax 312.491.8171 by September 6th.
- ?? **Mental Health Committee Hosts Speakers for Professional Development**—The committee has completed a three part series addressing issues mental health providers encounter in a school based setting. Presentations included consent and confidentiality issues by Laura McAlpine, former Policy Director of the IL Caucus for Adolescent Health, subpoenas and the mental health code by Janine Hoft, attorney at the People's Law Office and statutory rape laws by Michelle Oberman, DePaul University Law Professor. Contact Karen at 312.491.8161 for information on any presentation.
- ?? **ICSHC Meeting Calendar—Save the Date!** Next ICSHC General Meeting: **Thursday, October 24th, 2002, Peoria, location TBA.** ICSHC Committees & Task Forces: Public Policy & Advocacy, Program Development and Evaluation, Mental Health & HIPAA Taskforce. To get involved with one of the Coalition's committees or to find out more about the work of each committee, contact Karen at 312.491.8161, karenberg@ameritech.net.

JOB CORNER

For more information on the positions and candidates below contact Karen Berg at 312.491.8161 or karenberg@ameritech.net.

- ?? **Aria Middle School Health Center Seeking Social Worker**—Interested candidates should contact Human Resources at Children's Memorial Hospital at 773.880.4045.
- ?? **Nurse Practitioner Seeking Employment**—Pediatric Nurse Practitioner relocating to the Chicago area at the end of August seeks a position at a school health center.
- ?? **Social Worker Seeking Employment**—Licensed social worker, Patricia Rodgers-Jennings seeking a mental health position. Ms. Rodgers-Jennings has most recently worked at the Bogdan-Dusable School Health Center as the Medical Social Worker and Co-Health Educator.

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