



Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers

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FEDERAL UPDATE:

- ?? **National Assembly for School Based Health Centers(NASBHC) Launches "Preventive Services Improvement Initiative"**—This is the newest program from NASBHC which gives providers in middle and high school-based health centers the opportunity to sharpen their preventive service skills by receiving technical assistance and support from experts in the school-based health care and adolescent preventive service fields. For more information, check out their website at: <http://www.nasbhc.org/Application%20Guidance.htm> or contact Elissa Leopold at (202) 638-5872.
- ?? **Association of Schools of Public Health(ASPH) Solicits Abstracts**—ASPH is looking for abstracts for a supplement to the peer-reviewed journal, *Public Health Reports*, for the November/December 2001 Publication. For more information, please contact Geri Aglipay at (202) 296-1099, ext. 134 or gsa@asph.org.
- ?? **Asthma Funding Opportunity!**—The Alliance of Community Health Plans (AHCP) has produced a RFP for "Asthma Intervention for Inner City Children". For more information, please check out their website at: www.achp.org/asthmaproj.

STATE UPDATE:

- ?? **DHS Funds SHCs!**—DHS has mailed out the letters notifying successful applicants of their awards! You may recall that Tobacco Settlement Funds were allocated for school health centers. This fiscal year, 11 SHCs received expansion funding, 6 received funding for establishing a new center, and 3 received planning support dollars. Congratulations to all awardees!!
- ?? **DHS Announces new Teen REACH Funding!!**—IDHS announces the availability of \$600,000 to implement new Teen REACH programs. Teen REACH seeks to help participating youth, ages 6 through 17, develop positive expectations for their future. Programs should provide structured, out-of-school activities to increase academic success while reducing risk-taking behaviors. Contact Sally Petrone at (217) 558-2663 or e-mail her at DHSPA1@DHS.state.il.us as soon as possible as these funds are limited!
- ?? **American Lung Association (ALA) Receives Funding to Sponsor NOT Programs in SHCs!!**—The ALA recently received funding to sponsor NOT (Not On Tobacco) programs in SHCs in Illinois. The deadline for applications for this program is **December 8, 2000**. Applications are being mailed to all SHCs this week. Please contact Annie Tegen at (312) 243-2000 for additional information. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity!
- ?? **Wellness House Offers Cancer Support Programs**—Wellness House is a non-profit organization located in Hinsdale, IL that is committed to providing support for people diagnosed with cancer and their families. They currently have support programs for all age groups and are sponsoring a seminar for school professionals with CEU credits on Thursday, January 18, 2001 from 3:45 to 7:15pm at their Hinsdale location. Topics at this seminar will include the death of a child, adolescent or teacher from cancer, as well as the bereaved child or adolescent in the classroom. For more information, please contact Nancy Biank at (630) 323-5150 or check out their website at www.wellnesshouse.org.
- ?? **Prevent Blindness America Helps SHCs with Vision Screenings!**—Prevent Blindness offers *Vision Service Plan Vouchers, Children's Vision Screening, Eye Patch Club* and *Play it Safe With Your Eyes* to School Health Centers in Illinois. For more information about these exciting, FREE programs, please contact Carolyn Bernstein at 888-331-2020 ext. 320 or e-mail her at cbernstein@preventblindness.org.

COALITION UPDATE:

- ?? **Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) and ICSHC Collaborate in FQHC Look-Alike Effort**— IPHCA received funding this year to provide assistance to SHCs to help them increase revenues by providing a new billing opportunity. IPHCA and ICSHC will assist SHCs in the process of becoming "Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look-alikes," thus enabling them to bill for services determined by their cost, rather than the traditional fee-for-service Medicaid billing system that is currently in place at many centers. For more information about this effort, please contact Kim at (773) 384-8828.

?? **ICSHC 2000-01 Meeting Schedule Reminder**—The Coalition will again meet throughout the year on the third Thursday of every other month. The meeting schedule is as follows:

January 18, 2001: 9:30-11:30am at Mercy-Dunbar School Health Center, Chicago.

March 15, 2001: 9:30-11:30am in Springfield, IL- location TBA.

May 17, 2001: 9:30-11:30am at Crane Adolescent Health Center, Chicago.

?? **ICSHC Hosts Trainings for SHCs Statewide!** Supported by funding from DHS and Polk Bros. Foundation, the Coalition will be hosting a variety of trainings and providing technical assistance (TA) to new SHCs. In addition, ICSHC and DHS will provide individual TA to SHCs around Illinois as needed. To find out more about this opportunity contact Kim at (773) 384-8828, icshc@aol.com Training Dates are as follows:

December 7, 2000: Polk Bros. Funded Training, "How to Start a SHC"—3-5pm at the Egan Urban Center, Chicago.

January 11, 2001: Polk Bros. Funded Training, "How to Fund a SHC"—3-5pm at the Egan Urban Center, Chicago.

February 15, 2001: DHS Funded Training, "How to Start a SHC"—10am-3pm in Chicago, State of Illinois Building, 160 North LaSalle, Chicago, room N502.

February 2001: Polk Bros. Funded Training, "State Contributions to SHCs"—time/date TBA, Egan Urban Center, 243 S. Wabash, Chicago.

?? **ICSHC is Accepting Members!** To find out benefits of membership, dues and registration procedures, please contact Virginia or Rich at (773) 384-8828.

?? **ICSHC Committees in Full Swing!** To get involved with one of the Coalition's committees or to find out more about the work of each committee, contact Kim at (773) 384-8828, icshc@aol.com Below you will find a brief description of each committee and the location/time/date of the next meeting. Please note that all meetings will be phone accessible for those who are unable to travel. Please let Kim know in advance at (773) 384-8828—if you are planning to phone in.

Data Collection: The goal of this committee is to identify, collect and analyze data to support the efficacy of the School Health Center Model. The next meeting is: **Wednesday, December 13, 2000, from 1-3pm at 3411 W. Diversey, Ste 5.**

Public Policy: The goal of this committee is to expand and improve services and increase funding for School Health Centers through successful advocacy at the local, state and federal levels. The next meeting is: **Tuesday, December 5, 2000, from 9:30-11:30am at 28 E. Jackson, Suite 710.**

Public Education+ Training: The goal of this committee is to create a Technical Assistance and Training plan for school health centers and other interested organizations and to increase the public awareness around the school health center model. This committee will also explore issues affecting the role of the Health Educator and barriers to providing service. **The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2001 from 10am -12pm, Location TBA.**

Mental Health Task Force: The Task Force is currently working to develop a set of standards for the provision of Mental Health Services in SHCs. The next meeting is: **Friday, January 12, 2001 from 12-2pm at Swedish Covenant Hospital, 2751 W. Winona in the English Room of the Anderson Pavilion.**

?? **The Next Coalition Meeting:** The next meeting of the ICSHC will be held on **Thursday, January 18, 2001** from 9:30-11:30am at Mercy Diagnostic Treatment Center in Chicago.

?? **ICSHC Hosts "How to Start a SHC"**—The Coalition and the Department of Human Services will hold a special all-day training on **February 15, 2001** from 10am to 3pm at the State of Illinois Building located at 160 North LaSalle, room N502. The training will include information about SHC structure, building a successful advisory board, staffing, physical plant, renovations, conducting a needs assessment and many more items essential to starting a SHC. For more information, please contact Kim at (773) 384-8828.

?? **KidCare/ICSHC Collaboration**—The Coalition is working to coordinate KidCare outreach in SHCs around Chicago. We had a great turnout at the last meeting and would like to continue the momentum with this valuable initiative. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 5, 2000 at 4pm** at 222 S. Riverside (corner of Adams and Canal) on the 19th Floor. Please contact Kim at (773) 384-8828 for more information on how to get involved.

RESOURCE CORNER:

?? Erie Family Health Center is looking to hire a Social Worker, Health Educator, Family Practice Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Case Manager to work in their clinics. Please send resumes to Susan Raymer in Human Resources at fax # (312) 666-6228.

?? Arai Middle School Health Center is seeking an experienced Pediatric Nurse Practitioner to help administer the program and provide patient care. Please send resumes to: Attn: Medical Director, School Based Health Center, c/o 4867 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60640.

?? Reem Tabbarah, MPH, MSW, has experience in STD, pregnancy, smoking and violence prevention and is seeking a position in the Chicago area to best utilize her skills in program planning, education, and health promotion. Reem can be reached at (773) 868-9789 or rtabbarah@hotmail.com

?? *** **LOST ITEMS:** Someone left a pair of gold-framed glasses in a black plastic case at the last Coalition meeting and subsequent training on November 16, 2000. Please call Kim at (773) 384-8828 to claim them!