



Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers

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NATIONAL UPDATE:

- ?? **Congress Adjourns, Leaving Unfinished Business for Children**—After a brief lame-duck session, the 107th Congress has adjourned. Before leaving for the year, lawmakers passed a continuing resolution to fund federal programs until January 11 at current levels. Unfortunately, Congress also left without completing several important pieces of legislation, including some crucial for low-income children and families. After months of work, Congress was unable to reach agreement on legislation to renew the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and add significant funding to the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). Congress will have to start all over again on this legislation next year. However, the tremendous work of child advocates all around the country was not in vain as Congressional members received thousands of comments on this issue. Thank you for sending comments to Congressional members on this issue. (Source: *Children's Defense Fund*)
- ?? **Federal Government Changes Eligibility Criteria for the Only SBHC Funding Initiative**—Ten grantees of the federal SBHC initiative, Healthy Schools Healthy Communities, have until December 31, 2002 to meet HRSA's requirements for 330 programs. Grantees were first notified this summer that their current organizational structure was no longer eligible to receive federal HSHC funds. They were given the options of either revising the existing board to be a user majority governing board or transfer the grant to a BPHC funded health center that meets the governance requirements. National Assembly on School Based Health Care (NASBHC) leaders and HSHC grantees met with HRSA Administrator Elizabeth Duke asking her to explore possible alternatives to the governance issue. Duke however, did not meet their requests. Rush University, the sponsoring agency of Frazier School Based Health Center in Chicago, was one of the ten grantees. They are currently working with a Chicago based 330 program to transfer the grant. Look for more information on this issue in NASBHC's upcoming *Joining Hands* newsletter. (Source: *NASBHC*)
- ?? **NASBHC Sponsors the First SHC Awareness Month, February 2003**—For the first time ever, a month has been designated to celebrate the work done by School Health Centers and to raise awareness about the valuable contribution they make to our children, families, and communities. During February of 2003, we will be educating national, state and local leaders and communities about the need for continued and increased support for School Health Centers. As a national effort, school health centers and organizations will work to collect postcards and letters to send to key decision makers including President Bush, Congressional leaders and local policy makers. See COALITION UPDATE for more!

STATE UPDATE:

- ?? **HRSA Practice Management & Managed Care Integration Strategies for School-Based Health Centers Training March 28, 2003**—In conjunction with the Preventive Services Improvement Initiative, school health centers are invited to attend this training led by HRSA staff and consultants. The agenda will include: confidentiality and consent, HIPAA, Free Care Policy, State Medicaid, coding, billing and more. Those centers not participating in PSII will be asked to pay a nominal fee to cover breakfast and lunch. Please contact Karen Berg at 312.491.8161 for more information. Registration information will follow in January 2003.

RESOURCES & TRAININGS UPDATE:

- ?? **Illinois Asthma Allied Health Professional Training**—The Illinois Asthma Program will hold a third round of asthma allied health professional trainings using the National Respiratory Training Center's curriculum. Twenty slots at three sites across the state, Rockford, Bloomington and Mt. Vernon, will begin in the spring of 2003. The cost of the training is \$855 but a \$750 scholarship is available through the IL Asthma Program. Applications are due by January 1, 2003. For information and applications please contact Sharie Sommes at 217.524.2880 or ssommers@idph.state.il.us.
- ?? **CBHA 2002 Annual Winter Conference**—Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois statewide conference. December 9-11 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago. For more information call 217.585.1600.

- ?? **Breakfast Meeting Series, Psychiatric Medication Management for Children and Adolescents—** Chicago Lakeshore Hospital, 4840 N. Marine Dr, Chicago. Presentation by Alan J. Ravitz, M.D. Thursday, December 5th. Call Liz Olson at 773.907.4610 by Friday November 29th. One CEU credit hour available for social workers.
- ?? **CDPH Free Workshops for Youth Service Providers—**The first in a year long series of workshops about effective HIV prevention with young people will be held on December 5th from 8:30am-12noon. The workshop "Why Do They Act Like That?", Understanding Adolescent Development and Behavior, will be held at the Red Cross, 1550 West 88th Street in Chicago. Contact Rich Hendricks at 773.884.6016 or schoolstreetmovement@ameritech.net to register and for a list of other workshops.
- ?? **Art and Play Therapy for School-Age Children—**Featuring nationally recognized educator and presenter Linda Chapman, ATR-BC, RSP-S. Friday, December 6 2002, Sheraton Suites Hotel, Elk Grove Village. To register call 1.888.992.9199 or on-line at www.rcassidy.com Registration \$109 internet, \$129 Standard, \$89 student/intern.
- ?? **Children & Adolescents with Bipolar Disorders Conference—**Jean Paul Ohadi conference at the University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health, 1601-09 W. Taylor St., Chicago. Friday, December 6, 2002. Contact June Aimen, M.S., The Josselyn Center, 847.441.5600 x 142 or aimen@josselyn.org.
- ?? **Managing Crisis & Trauma, How to Use Crisis Debriefing When Responding to Crisis & Trauma—**Hosted by the American Academy of Bereavement, featuring James A. Fogarty, Ed.D. A one-day seminar for nurses, counselors, psychologists, teachers, clergy, social workers, therapists, and other professionals involved in crisis and trauma recovery. December 11th in Madison, WI; December 12th in Chicago, IL; and December 13th in Indianapolis, IN. Call 1.800.726.3888 to register.
- ?? **HRSA Offers Interactive Web Audio Conferences for School Based Health Centers—**The HRSA Center for Health Services Financing and Managed Care presents three interactive web- assisted audio conferences: **Effective Coding for Accurate Reimbursement, Negotiating Managed Care Arrangements and Implementing Accounts Receivable Management Systems.** Save on travel costs! Listen from your school, home or office. Register now online for one or all of these FREE workshops at <http://www.jsi.com/hrsamctac> or by using the toll free number 1-877-832-8635. Dates and times are posted on the website.
- ?? **Asthma Education Link—**The following link takes you to an asthma education video that may be useful. You can view the video at <http://www.whatsasthma.org/flash/hasthmav.html>.
- ?? **New CDC Report Proposes Strategies to Help Schools Manage Asthma—**A report from HHS' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) outlines six strategies to help the nation's schools manage the problems of students with asthma. The guide, Strategies for Addressing Asthma Within a Coordinated School Health Program, gives concrete suggestions for schools coping with the increasing numbers of children with asthma. The prevalence of asthma increased 74 percent among children 5 to 14 years old between 1980 and 1994. Asthma accounts for 14 million lost days of school each year and affects nearly five million children and adolescents. The report, which also lists resources available to schools, can be viewed or downloaded at www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/healthtopics/asthma. Copies can also be obtained by calling CDC at 888-231-6405 or sending an e-mail to HealthyYouth@cdc.gov.
- ?? **Center for Health and Healthcare in Schools Grant Links—** A new section of links and updated funding opportunities targeted toward those in the health care field <http://www.healthinschools.org/grants/index.asp>.

COALITION UPDATE:

- ?? **ICSHC Membership Drive—**The Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers 2002-03 school year membership drive is underway. If you haven't renewed your membership please do so today! Membership entitles you to The School Health Connection newsletter and updates.
- ?? **ICSHC Meeting Calendar—**Please see the following schedule for 2003!
- ?? **School Health Center Awareness Month—**Planning is underway for the first ever School Health Center Awareness Month in February 2003! ICSHC will work to have February proclaimed School Health Center Awareness month, organize a school health center visit for new policy makers, work to promote SHCs in the media and participate in the nationwide postcard campaign. Toolkits will be distributed to SHCs and organizations that would like to participate. To order a FREE SHC AWARENESS MONTH TOOLKIT fill out the following form and fax to Molly Nilan at 312.491.8171. Toolkits include tips for planning events, postcards, letterhead and sample materials.

Have news, resources or general information? Share it with ICSHC members! Send them to: Karen Berg at 312-491-8161(P), 312-491-8171(F) or icshc@ilmaternal.org



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Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers 2003 Meeting Calendar

Statewide General Meetings

Winter General Meeting	January 30 th	Location either Maywood or Aurora, IL
Spring General Meeting	April 24 th	Location TBA
Summer General Meeting	July 31 st	Location TBA
Fall General Meeting	October 30 th	Location TBA

Committee Meetings

Committees meet every 4-6 weeks

Program Development and Evaluation
Wednesdays from 1:30-3:30pm
Next meeting December 11th

Policy and Advocacy
Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30
Next meeting December 4th

Mental Health
Fridays from 1-3pm
Next meeting January 10th

School Health Connection Newsletter

February 2003 (submission deadline January 24, 2003)
June 2003 (submission deadline May 23, 2003)
October 2003 (submission deadline September 19, 2003)

Additional Meetings/Events

School Health Center Awareness Month February 2003
HRSA Practice Management Training March 28th Chicago, TBA
School Health Center Statewide Conference TBA