**Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers**

**Vision, Values, and Mission**

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**Vision:**

Our vision is for all Maryland students to thrive in the classroom and in life.  School-based health centers contribute to this vision by promoting health and educational equity through the provision of health care that is accessible, collaborative, high-quality, and based on earned trust.

**Core Values:**

The Council’s efforts to support this vision will be rooted in our core values:

* We believe in **equity**.  School-based health centers serve students and communities experiencing health disparities.
* We believe in **access**.  School-based health center services are readily available for students, their families, and communities.
* We believe in **collaboration**.  School-based health centers are integrated into broader education, health care, and public health systems to provide coordinated care that addresses the totality of student needs.
* We believe in **quality**.  School-based health centers provide care that is evidence-based and data-driven.
* We believe in **earned trust**.  School-based health centers strive to be trusted, culturally sensitive community institutions in partnership with educators, students, families, and communities.

**Mission of SBHCs: Recommendations for the Standards**

The mission of school-based health centers, as enhancements to School Health Services, is to provide health care, in partnership with schools and communities, designed to:

* offer comprehensive primary, acute, and preventative care (optional services include mental/behavioral health, dental, and vision services);
* deliver chronic condition management;
* be responsive to specific community needs and public health imperatives;
* serve as a resource to support the totality of student and family needs, coordinating with the school and other community supports;
* complement, collaborate, and integrate with other health care providers, particularly community-based primary care;
* eliminate health disparities and barriers to health care access;
* serve all students without regard to: ability to pay or insurance status, previously established patient-provider relationship, or site of usual source of care;
* provide a standard of care equivalent to other pediatric providers;
* embrace innovation in health care and health technology;
* maximize classroom attendance and readiness to learn; and
* integrate into educational systems, including by supporting and extending the school health program at each school.

**Mission: CASBHC**

By synthesizing the viewpoints of diverse stakeholders across the state, including those of educators, clinicians, health care organizations, parents, legislators, State agencies, and others, the Council will:

1. support the mission of school–based health centers (see SBHC Standards).
2. develop policy recommendations to:
3. improve the health and educational outcomes of students who receive services from school–based health centers;
4. increase utilization of existing SBHCs by students, families, and communities during normal school operations as well as during periods of school closure;
5. expand the SBHC model to additional schools and communities across the state of Maryland;
6. encourage additional organizations to sponsor SBHCs;
7. improve the integration of school–based health centers into education, health care, and public health systems;
8. enhance the financial sustainability of school–based health centers;
9. improve the collection, analysis, and sharing of current data on operations, quality, and impact of Maryland SBHCs; and
10. promote innovation in care delivery.
11. educate policymakers about:
    1. the role and scope of school–based health centers;
    2. current data related to school–based health centers; and
    3. policy recommendations to advance the mission of school–based health centers.
12. incorporate our core values of equity, access, collaboration, quality, and earned trust into all of our decisions.