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CHRC GRANTS SUPPORTING SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS AND SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS

The Commission has awarded 15 grants totaling \$3.35 million to support School-Based Health Centers (SBHC) in 11 jurisdictions. CHRC SBHC grants have supported programs in rural, urban, and suburban communities. These programs have collectively served more than 14,000 individuals.

Wicomico County Health Department (2016, \$425,000) This three-year grant supported the opening of a school-based health center in Salisbury. In addition to serving students, the SBHC was opened to the adult staff members of the two schools and provided a new access point for both primary and behavioral health services. Billable services will be billed to Medicaid and third-party insurers.

Charles County Health Department (2014, \$260,000) This three-year grant supported a school-based dental program that screened children in the Charles County public school system and provided access to fluoride, dental sealants, and clinical services in an area of southern Maryland that is lacking in oral health safety net infrastructure. The grantee reported serving 2,282 children through 2,413 dental visits.

Bel Alton Community Development Center (2012, \$250,000) This two-year grant enabled Bel Alton to provide comprehensive dental screenings and oral health education to children in eight elementary schools in Charles County in the first year of this grant and expand to schools in St. Mary's and Calvert Counties in the second year of the program. Over the duration of the grant, Bel Alton provided dental services to 458 children through 1,285 visits.

Walnut Street Community Health Center (2012, \$98,000) This three-year grant supported the expansion of the Healthy Smiles in Motion, a mobile dental van program serving children in targeted schools throughout Washington County. Over the duration of this grant, Healthy Smiles in Motion enrolled 505 children and provided 639 visits.

Washington County Health Department (2009, \$216,000) This two-year grant supported the expansion of mental health services at the health department's three School-Based Health Centers. The grant funds enabled the expansion of patient access to a licensed social worker. The grant also helped to support the evaluation and implementation of a software system to improve student/patient tracking and improve billing and collections for services. The grantee reported serving 183 students through 1,069 visits over the duration of the grant.

Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (2009, \$224,100) This two-year grant supported the expansion of health care and preventative dental services at four of the school-based health centers in the county. The grantee reported nearly 900 students were served through 1,420 primary care visits and more than 1,700 fluoride varnish applications over the duration of the grant.

Harford County Health Department (2009, \$145,749) This two-year grant supported a school-based health center program at four elementary schools in the county. The CHRC's grant supported expansion of primary care and mental health services at the SBHCs for students and their families, particularly those lacking access to care. Grant funds were utilized for administrative costs and to support Community Health Service Evenings, which provided free health screenings, physicals, and assisted linking

individuals and families to a medical home. The grantee reported that 1,474 patients received care through the program.

Frederick County Health Department (2009, \$464,785) This three-year grant supported the opening of the Hillcrest Elementary school-based health center. This grant supported primary care services, links for students and families to medical homes, oral health screenings, and dental fluoride varnishes. In 2011, the Frederick County Health Department transferred this grant to the Frederick Community Action Agency (FCAA), which expanded the program to three additional schools in the jurisdiction and linked students and families in need of care to FCAA's clinic. The program served 1,102 children through 1,368 visits over the duration of the grant.

Dorchester County Health Department (2009, \$220,000) This two-year grant supported the operations of a school-based health center in Dorchester County. Grant funds were utilized to support staff salaries at the center as well as to assist administrative personnel in making the program more sustainable through increased billing and maximizing reimbursement. The grantee reported serving 506 students and providing more than 2,700 clinical and mental health services over the duration of the grant.

Coppin State University Nursing School (2009, \$201,963) This two-year grant supported the expansion of a school-based health center program to serve the residents of Baltimore City. Funding was utilized to upgrade equipment, install health information technology to improve the health center's clinical records, and assist in billing and reimbursement from third party payers. The grantee reported providing services for 2,319 students over the duration of the grant.

Baltimore County Health Department (2009, \$55,450) This one-year grant supported the health department's efforts to enhance the information technology capacities in the health department's school-based wellness centers and to expand services by opening a school-based wellness center in Dundalk. Grant funds were utilized to upgrade the computer systems at the SBHCs. The new computers and other upgraded equipment purchased with this funding enabled the SBHC to keep more complete and accurate patient records, with an ultimate goal of being able to bill for health care services rendered.

Baltimore City Health Department (2009, \$160,000) This two-year grant supported the Health Department's efforts to develop and implement a technical assistance and training project so school-based health centers could bill public and private payers for health care services. The grant supported the health department's efforts to provide training materials and technical assistance services aimed at assisting SBHCs develop and manage billing and collections systems.

Prince George's County Health Department (2008, \$299,164) This three-year grant supported the expansion of existing dental care resources in Prince George's County for low-income children and their families to expand oral disease prevention and health promotion. Grant funds were utilized to staff a dentist, a dental hygienist, a dental assistant, and a case manager as well as support the School-Based Program's dental Sealant Program and the Early Childhood Caries Program at the Cheverly Health Center. The grantee reported serving 2,480 children through 4,336 visits over the duration of the grant.

Family Health Centers of Baltimore (2008, \$300,000) The three-year grant supported a pediatric dental program that provided screenings and oral health education in area schools and Head Start locations and linked students to a dental home at FHCB. Under this grant, FHCB expanded the dental clinic to include more day and evening hours and added a part-time pediatric dentist to allow FHCB to serve more children.

Carroll County Health Department (2008, \$29,030) This two-year grant funded a program that supported two pediatric dental projects. The first project expanded access to pediatric dental care by extending the dental clinic hours. The second project piloted an off-site Fluoride Varnish Program for children enrolled in the county schools and Head Start program. Over 600 patients were enrolled over the duration of the grant. The grant supported a dental hygienist position.