



# Oregon School-Based Health Alliance

**Maureen Hinman**  
**Policy Director**  
**HB 2626 Committee Hearing**  
**2-11-15**





# Background

In 2011- 2012, 20 sites in 12 counties received federal capital grants for SBHCs averaging \$370,000.

## Continued Need

- Oregon Health Authority survey of 26 local public health authorities
- 20 counties expressed interest in developing up to 25 new SBHCs but capital construction costs surfaced as a challenge.

*“We’d done a pretty thorough community engagement process [to develop our SBHC], but it took us a long time to get the capital dollars. I mean, I think it actually took us five years from the point of our last community engagement.”*

*—Local Public Health Authority Representative*

**HB2626 will allow for 10-12 communities to receive grants.**

## Why SBHCs?

Accessible pediatric practices located on school grounds, where kids are.

Public health model and as such they provide integrated care that includes preventive, primary care, mental health care, and sometimes dental.

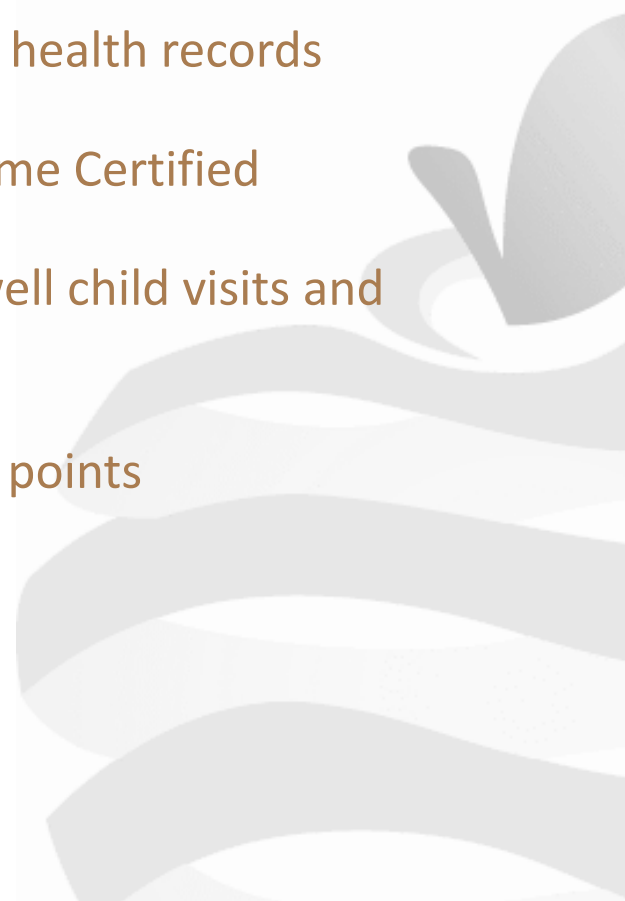
**Cost Effective:** leveraging an additional \$2.40 of every state dollar invested from billing, grants, and other sources.



# Healthcare Reform

Actively working to build partnerships with coordinated care organizations and to improve their systems.

- 94% of school based health centers have electronic health records
- 49% of them are Patient-centered Primary Care Home Certified
- Help CCOs meet state metrics such as adolescent well child visits and depression screenings
- Effective access points - sometimes the only access points
- Reduce ER visits and improve health outcomes



# Education Reform

- SBHCs improve educational attainment
- Students in states with SBHCs that serve as Medicaid providers have greater academic achievement than states without them
- An OHA report states that for every avoided high school dropout the state of Oregon will save around 14,000 dollars in Medicaid and uninsured costs over the course of a student's lifetime.
- Typically no expense to school other than the cost of the space.
- Jackson County: each day a student visits the health center (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade) for a medical reason rather than missing school they received a return on investment of \$221,000 based on \$37/student/day and 5973 visits.



# Making a Difference

*“In 2014 we had several kids say that they had thought about suicide. When I see struggling students I let them know that if something was to happen to them that I would be sad and miss them, and it would really affect a lot of people.*

*We got our state Satisfaction Survey results back and one of them said that the student had shown up at the Health Center knowing that when they went home after school that day, they were planning to end their life. They said that changed when Monica told them that she would really be upset and miss them more than they even knew.*

*When our Survey results were given back to us they are anonymous, but I knew that I had made a huge difference on that day! I love my job and I know that we are needed.”*

*-Monica Rea, Medical Assistant, Ranier SBHC*

