



## **August 2018 Newsletter**

### **Back to School Edition**

## **A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

It's Back to School Time!! This is a time for a lot of excitement and new challenges for many of you that work in School-Based Health Centers. The Board of Directors of the Louisiana School-Based Health Alliance wants you to know that we support you and your efforts. We know the dedication involved in providing quality care to the youth of Louisiana. And we want you to know that LASBHA will continue our efforts to to be an effective voice for Louisiana SBHCs.



This legislative year proved to be a challenging one, but once again, we made it though "the cut". With the guidance of Strategic Legislative Director, Cindy Bishop, our dedicated Board Members, and of course, our loyal followers, we made our presence known and voices heard to the Louisiana legislature. And all funding for the state-funded SBHCs remained in tact.

The LASBHA Board is ecstatic that we were able to have such an impact, but we realize that our efforts don't stop there. The Board and I are excited about some new things on the horizon. We want to be more than a board that you can depend on for legislative advocacy. We also want to be your essential resource for all things School-Based Health related. We plan to bring you more education resources including webinars. We are developing a member portal where LASBHA members can have a social hub to post questions, provide answers, or offer support to other members. In addition, LASBHA recognizes that School-Based Health Centers in Louisiana go far beyond the reach of state-funded SBHCs. LASBHA is committed to bringing those SBHCs funded by other sources into our network as well.

This year, you will also see a change in our newsletter format. Each month, a different LASBHA Board Member will host the monthly newsletter. We hope this will let our followers get to know us a little more. So let me kick this off:

*I'm Tabitha J. Washington, President of the Louisiana School-Based Health Alliance. This is my 6th year serving on the Board of Directors. I am also the Coordinator of the LSUHSC School-Based Health Centers in New Orleans. And though I work for LSU, I don't cheer for them in sports, because I received my bachelors degree from the University of Florida (GO GATORS!!) I also have a Masters Degree from Tulane University in Health Administration. One of my outside interests is travel and I hope to see more of the world. I truly believe that health care is a right, and not a privilege. That's what keeps me fighting for the health of these great children we serve.*

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The 23rd Annual Louisiana School-Based Health Alliance Conference will take place **April 8-9, 2019** in **Lake Charles, Louisiana**. Stay tuned for more details.

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## **LASBHA partners with National SBHA and LDH for Directors Retreat**

As some of you may have heard, the Louisiana Department of Health, Adolescent School-health Program (ASHP), will be hosting a Directors Retreat for state-funded SBHCs in Louisiana. The LASBHA Board of Directors is excited to announce that we will be partnering with both the National School-Based Health Alliance (SBHA) and LDH in developing content for the retreat. We here at LASBHA feel a collective effort with LDH and SBHA can have a significant impact on the growth and development of SBHCs in Louisiana.

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## **NQI: Tell the Story of Your SBHC with 2017-18 Data!**

The **School Health Services National Quality Initiative (NQI)** is challenging 100% of school-based health center (SBHC) providers and administrators to voluntarily adopt and report standardized performance measures to ensure that every child who uses an SBHC receives an annual well-child visit and risk assessment and is screened for body mass index (BMI) with nutrition and physical activity counseling, and if age appropriate, is

screened for depression and chlamydia, with appropriate follow-up.

Participants will be able to download a report in early 2019 that will show your SBHC's data and how your program compares to others in your state and around the country. ([Click here](#) to view a sample report!) These reports can help you identify priority areas and deliver the highest quality of care.

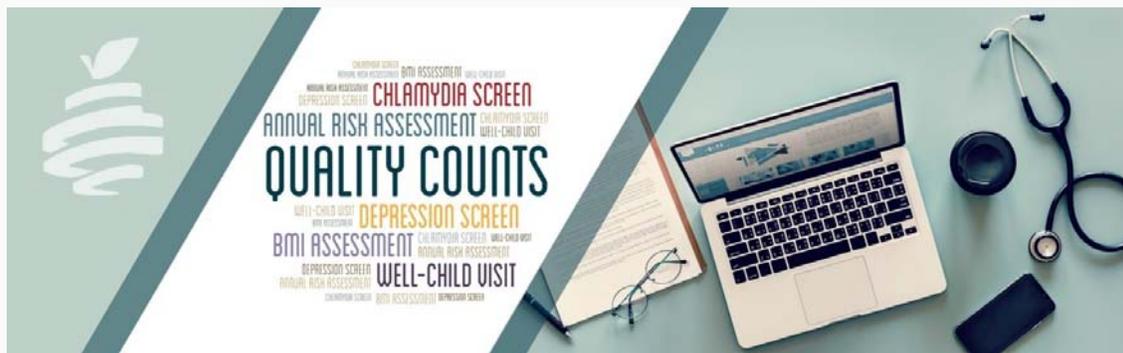
Ready? Let's get started!

1. First, make sure you understand the performance measure [definitions](#).
2. To report your data, please visit [this link](#) and select "Enter Clinical Performance Measure Data".
3. Now that you've done your part, we made this brand new [toolkit](#) to help you strategize for improvement.

**The National Alliance is giving out \$10 GIFT CARDS as an incentive for reporting performance measures for the 2017-18 school year!**

- The first 700 individual respondents to report measures for the 2017-18 school year will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card.

Thank you for continuing to be pioneers in this work – we're extremely grateful. If you have any questions, please contact SBHA at [research@sbh4all.org](mailto:research@sbh4all.org)!



## Other news from the national SBHA

### Join the NIPA HPV Vaccination Learning Collaborative

If HPV vaccination rates are low at your school, the National Immunization Partnership with the APA (NIPA) can provide the support and ideas to help improve your SBHC immunization systems. [Enroll](#) by October 15. For more information, contact Jennifer Le at [Jennifer.A.Le@med.uvm.edu](mailto:Jennifer.A.Le@med.uvm.edu).

### Professional Development Opportunity for School-Based Behavioral Health Providers

The University of Washington's School Mental Health Assessment, Research, and Training (SMART) Center is offering school-based mental and behavioral health providers the opportunity to participate in a "BOLT" (Brief Online Training for Measurement-Based Care) professional development project this fall. If you are interested in participating in the BOLT project, please see this [flyer](#), visit <https://education.uw.edu/smart/bolt>, or contact the BOLT team at [uwBOLT@uw.edu](mailto:uwBOLT@uw.edu).

### HRSA Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program Grants

Your school-based health center may want to consider applying for the [Healthy Tomorrows grants](#) recently announced by HRSA. "This program supports collaboration between local pediatric providers and community leaders in an effort to provide quality health care and preventive health services to children, adolescents, and families in rural and other underserved communities." The NOFO mentions school-based health as a community-based setting in which funded clinical and public health interventions could take place. Proposals are due October 1.

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