

School-Based Telehealth Workgroup

July 18, 2018

Meeting Summary

Key discussion items include:

- The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) began the meeting by recapping the highlights of the previous meeting and announcing the participation of The Hilltop Institute as support for the School-Based Telehealth Workgroup's (workgroup's) efforts.
- Mark Luckner, Executive Director of the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC), gave an overview of the CHRC's work, including background on the organization's structure, grant-making process, and policy priorities. He described several CHRC activities of particular interest to the workgroup, including (1) the CHRC's role as a funder of new school-based health centers (SBHCs) in Maryland, particularly in underserved schools; (2) the CHRC's role in staffing the Council on the Advancement of SBHCs (Council), which develops standards for SBHCs, among other responsibilities; and (3) that the CHRC has also funded telehealth projects outside of SBHCs.
- Representatives from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) described their work with the CHRC and the Council on the Advancement of SBHCs on the revisions to the annual survey of SBHCs collected by MSDE. The surveys include information on enrollment by grade, race, insurance status, and gender, as well as data regarding diagnoses, treatments, and providers in the SBHC. Members expressed interest in additional information about this survey and findings.
- Based on feedback during the kick-off meeting, MHCC developed a list of proposed questions to guide future discussions and the development of recommendations. The workgroup collaborated to review and edit this list. Members recommended the discussion topics be identified as those that pertain to either: school health services; special education or individualized education plan (IEP) services; or both school health services and special education services. Members provided feedback on the terms included in the document, the prioritization of items, and suggested new topics. Discussions generated requests for more information about billing, coverage, and scope of practice requirements for offering SBHC and special education telehealth services.
- The MHCC provided an overview of the announcements for two school-based telehealth grant opportunities that were released on July 11, 2018. Grant applications are due to MHCC by August 15, 2018.
- *The MHCC intends to distribute an updated list of discussion topics based on feedback during this meeting.*
- *The workgroup is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 from 2:15pm to 4:00pm at MHCC to further discuss an approach for improving school-based telehealth programs in the State.*