

Infrastructure, Policy, and Operations Workgroup

Meeting Minutes from November 5, 2020

Attendees: Uma Ahluwalia, Drew Hawkinson, Kristin Dwyer, Susan Haberstroh, Cathy Zorc, Cassandra Davis, Yalanda Thomas, Forrest Watson III, Jordan Weisman, Joyce Hawkins, Rob Walter, Margaret Pisano, Sharon-Rose Gargula, Cindy Madden

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uma welcomed everyone. 	
Recap Previous Weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uma reviewed the previous weeks' discussion. The budget epilogue clearly spells out the criteria for siting SBWCs. The new question is how to gage schools readiness from this list, and there is an equity question around them. Uma: You need to keep the services and staffing in mind when thinking about the actual space and size of SBWC. Joyce: Is there anything in the epilogue about what the school most have to be considered? Uma: No, it just defines high need. Drew: The text for the budget epilogue can be found here on page 229 line 10. Jordan: The PMPM possibility that I brought up might not be appropriate, but there are so many alternative payment models out there that could be developed to incentivize more collaboration with community providers. Uma: Thank you, I think that is right. We will come up with recommendations on the infrastructure, operations, and services and then we will try to design the payment model from that. Rob: In the finance minutes they all talked about how they are making budget cuts. We are targeting best practices, and then in the end they will have to come together. Uma: Yes, and that is what we are doing along the way and will have review of recommendations from the three workgroups by the Steering Committee in December. 	
Review of Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drew overviewed information from the literature, including recommendations for facilities, square footage, medical sponsors supply equipment and school districts help with space. 	

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Research Questions	<p style="text-align: center;">Breakout Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob: You don't need a lot of space for telehealth and what Dr. Conte said the other day is that some specialties can bring their own equipment. Hubs may be bigger, but the spokes don't need a lot there. • Uma: We talked about the hub being closer to the 1100 sq ft range and the spokes being closer to 600 sq ft. The recommendation may be to place it where it is most reasonable. • Susan: We talked about 600 sq ft being the minimum. Most of them are just converted classrooms. • Kristin: We also said though that there has to be minimum requirements like a bathroom, a refrigerated space for locking meds, and exam room, and a waiting area. Like give them minimum space requirements, but let them figure out geometry. • Susan: And I think the external access would be a priority for new SBWCs, but not for existing ones. We talked about the hub being one full classroom, but the spokes don't necessarily have to be a full classroom, they just have to be a designated space. • Uma: Yes, so spokes can be a designated space for provider to see students that has adequate privacy. It doesn't have to be a classroom, but will be up to the school to figure out what space. • Forrest: At some spokes it could be a part of the nurse's office or counseling suite. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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