# **Steering Committee Meeting**

Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2021

**Attendees:** Kathy Cannatelli, Shelly Lazorchak, Cassandra Davis, Gloria James, John Marinucci, Amy Burnett, Shannon Breitzman, Priscilla Mpasi, Uma Ahluwalia, Forrest Watson III, Dara Hall, Thowana Weeks, Kim Klein, Drew Hawkinson, Ana Bueno, Cathy O’Neill, Esther Curtis, Rosa Rivera, Ann Wayne, Jon Cooper, Christine Visher, Aileen Fink, Valerie McCartan, Leah Woodall, Midge Barrett, Susan Haberstroh, Liz Brown

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| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion** | **Action Items** |
| **Welcome** | * Uma welcomed the meeting. |  |
| **Approval of Meeting Minutes** | * Jon motioned to approve. * Amy seconds.   Minutes were approved. |  |
| **Review Financial Analysis** | * Drew overviewed the Plan structure. * Jon: Midge and I had a conversation with the national SBHA Executive Director and they have had conversations on the national level about CARES money being used for SBHCs and other national money. This would be a short-term effort and valuable. There is a 3-year window, getting the attention of school districts now. * Uma: Could you frame the recommendation as SBHCS should take advantage of funding, including COVID-19 relief funds? * Jon: Yes, this is good and broad. * Kim Klein: There is an idea that the two agencies that DHSS and DPH would collaborate to submit a capital budget request to develop . I am wondering what leftover monies mean. As a budget person, this doesn’t mean much, I am wondering what this surplus of funding could be used. * Shannon: This was a special ad hoc group that was pulled together to speak to capital budgeting specifically. * Jon: I know Emily Falcon was part of this group and could speak to clarifying what this language means. * Uma: Kim, do you have unspent capital funds that could be used for other capital projects? * Kim: Capital projects are appropriate of 3 years and they are spending authority through bonding authority. Normally funding gets repurposed for new projects, school districts also have authority to make requests to move unspent funds to other capital projects. * Uma: We will flag this for revision and reach out to Emily. * Drew reviewed the operational budget analysis * Gloria: I have one question about the recommendations for supporting for school district funding and billing reimbursement. * Uma: I think this says that there will be advocacy and support from partners to continue to support need for additional funding to sustain the wellness centers and at the same time, providers will increase third-party and Medicaid billing reimbursement, which is why it sits as two recommendations. * Gloria: There is a disconnect between the Medicaid they receive and the reimbursement they receive from commercial billing. It looks like we are going to support the districts themselves to support SBHCs. Based on what we are experiencing now, SBHCs are not covered by Medicaid and third-party billing. We have come to a standstill with commercial insurers as far as recognizing what the SBHCs. We can continue to promote and advocate that commercial sponsors pay, but that has not resulted in anything now. * Uma: Is the better framing, increases reimbursement revenue? * Kathy: Yes. * Forrest: I am wondering what district-level support for operational funding means? * Kathy: Are you asking about operational funding to include? * Forrest: There are under and uninsured individuals, so even though we could increase billing, is this support. * Uma: I think this is support for district-level allocation of operational funding for medical sponsors. * Kathy: Is it mentioned somewhere about continued funding beyond the first year for elementary schools? I think this should be called out in recommendations. I do think we talked about it and I have a concern that those of us not in the conversation. * Uma: Add another bullet that says funding support for elementary school funding for start-up and subsequent. * Gloria: As far as support for district-level allocation of funding. When you have ongoing costs, there may be renovation costs where districts are not up for capital expenses. If school districts have capital expenses needed over time, these are not part of the regular operational budget expenses. Does the capital budget cover this? * Jon: She could answer these questions. It doesn’t make sense that we would charge some of the specific things to the medical vendor. I don’t see these as being a separate thing. * Gloria: It doesn’t happen often, but it has in the past. * John Marinucci: Some of these facility costs can be covered under the Minor Capital Improvement. * Uma: Are any adjustments needed to language? Kim, is the language the way it is written addressing this? * Kim: Yes. | * HMA to reach out to Emily Falcon about capital budget recommendation * HMA to make language changes to operational budget recommendations |
| **Review Implementation Plan** | * Uma: We have been having conversations with implementation workgroups and an implementation plan has been developed. It identifies the actions, key implementers, activities, milestones, process. Here is an example of how the implementation plan model is laid out. * Jon: I think the format is excellent. And this particular goal and how this is laid out is powerful and clearly written. * Uma: Everything will be laid out. Goal 1 looks a little different because it is about. If this strategic plan will be an organic living document, you have to adjust as you go forward. As the governance entity gets set up, you will have the ability to make the adjustments. For example, you could not expect the CARES Act funding that has come out in the past few years. * Drew: Any questions? * None. |  |
| **Open Forum** | * Uma: We have most things ready. You will have a transformational plan ready. The big work will happen once you start implementation because these are some changes to how things are going. * Leah: I want to thank everyone. I know it was a huge amount of work and expertise and input. I feel good about where we have landed. The implementation plan is a roadmap and blueprint and a living document that we can start making headway on. * Jon: Midge and I met with the national SBHA and they had significant praise for the work that has been done. We shared with them the strategic plan and gave a presentation similar to the town hall and they felt this process was remarkable on what is going on in SBHCs across the country. They felt that this plan and this work hits all of the major things. Very exciting. * Uma: Leah and the public health folks came into this process willing to jump in with both feet. |  |
| **Next Steps and Adjournment** | * Our last meeting is June 17, from 9:30 – 10:30 AM * Final edits will be made to the Strategic Plan and it will be sent off for publication | * Review the Implementation Plan and send edits to [dhawkinson@healthmanagement.com](mailto:dhawkinson@healthmanagement.com) by 5/31. |