**SBHC Mental Health Grant Proposed Funding Formula Overview**

In July 2016, the SPO convened an SBHC Mental Health Advisory Group to focus on systems issues. One of the first tasks of the group was to explore whether they (with the SPO assistance) could devise an easier and more equitable way of disbursing SBHC Mental Health Capacity Grants for the 2017-19 biennium. Currently the funding for the Mental Health Expansion Grant is as follows:

Mental Health Expansion Grant (2015-17)

$ 6.7 million from Health Systems

Capacity Grants

$5,706,800

Support Projects

$751,200

* 52 SBHCs funded
* 22 counties
* 32.91 FTE of QMHP positions
* Max award ~ $200,000
* Min award ~ $50,000
* Cost for 1 FTE for biennium is on average $173,000
* 13 Youth Advisory Council projects
* 1 Cultural Competency project
* 2 Integration of behavioral health and primary care projects
* 1 Screening project

After 6 months of meetings, the SBHC MH Advisory Group has recommended a funding formula that is based off of our current level of funding. While funding may change during this spring’s legislative session, for simplicity and timing, we based our formula off of the 2015-17 funding amount. The adoption of a funding formula will also help in decision-making under the circumstances of funding cuts (outlined below).

2017-19 Funding Formula

* Each SBHC that is currently funded with a MH capacity grant (or has a SBHC planning grant) will receive $50,000 for the 2017-19 biennium.
* In addition, each SBHC is eligible for funds between $10,000-$90,000, based off of “points” that were calculated from two variables:
  + Previous year’s free and reduced lunch student population at the SBHC host school (from Oregon Department of Education).
  + The county’s mental health provider to population ratio determined by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (<http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/app/oregon/2016/measure/factors/62/data>).
* Sites will not receive a total award in 2017-19 that is more than 150% or less than 70% of their 2015-17 award.
* SBHCs are able to apply for up to the amount indicated in Column E.
* Any remaining funds will be pooled and become available to sites based on a set of priorities such as: sites who received less than their 2015-17 award, or sites that able to demonstrate need and inability to sustain FTE without additional grant funds and expansion of sites.
* While funding formula is based on the current awardees, the funding is flexible, and can be used anywhere within the SBHC system as long as the funding is supporting mental health capacity in SBHCs.
* SBHCs that are not current awardees are not eligible for the base and points funding but may be able to apply for the additional pooled funding once that amount and priority areas are determined.
* If the SPO receives reduced funding than the current levels the following steps would be taken: 1) the pooled money would eliminated, and 2) the points funding would be reduced until we reach the amount available. The base funding would not change.