Oregon School-Based Health Center Program

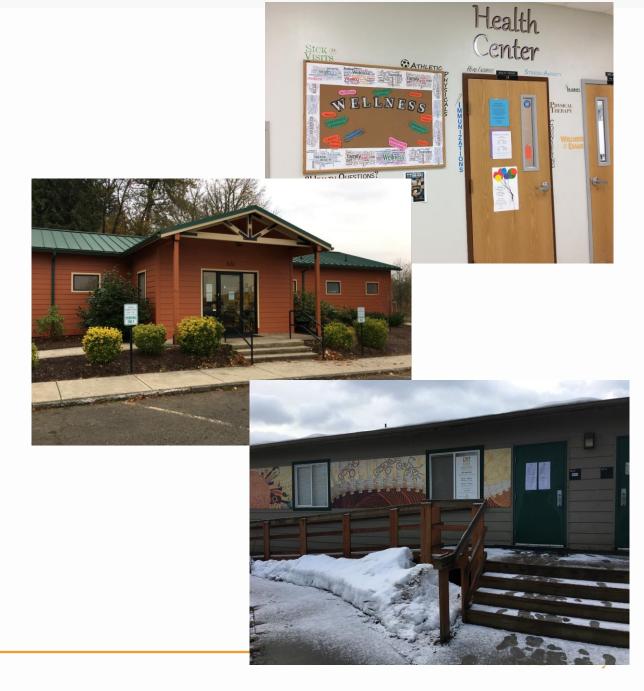
Conference of Local Health Officials September 18, 2024





What we'll cover today

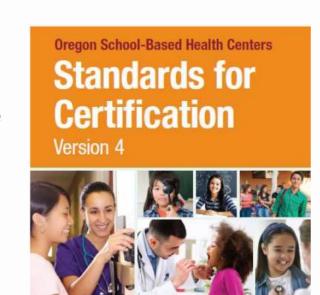
- SBHC Standards for Certification Review process updates
- Vote / request to approve proposed changes





SBHC Standards for Certification

- First Standards developed in 2000, most recently revised 2015-2016
- Certification is optional, but only state certified SBHCs are eligible for state funding
- Outline minimum requirements for State SBHC certification
- Historic intent to:
 - Create a standardized SBHC model
 - Increase evidence-based practice
 - Provide "big tent" to allow local flexibility to meet requirements







Why revise the SBHC Standards?

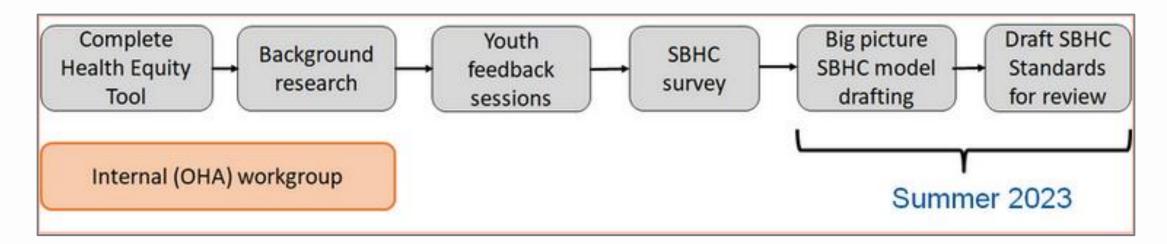
- A LOT can happen in 8 years! (especially when there's a pandemic!)
- Clear need to center:
 - Voices / needs of young people
 - Health equity & cultural responsiveness
- Evolution of Oregon SBHCs:
 - Pandemic challenges
 - School / community integration
 - Changes in "comprehensive pediatric health care"
 - Youth engagement
- What is / can / should be the role of the Oregon SPO?





SBHC Standards review: A (brief) overview Phase 1: Information Gathering

2022-2023 School Year

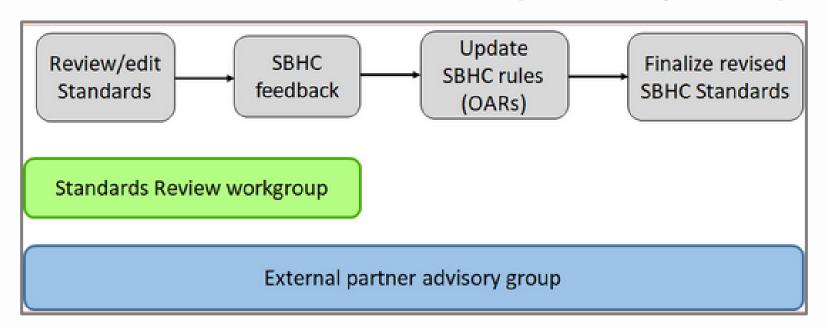






SBHC Standards review: A (brief) overview Phase 2: Drafting New Standards

2023-2024 School Year (and beyond!)







LPHA Involvement

- Invitation to participate in external-facing workgroups:
 - SBHC External Partner Advisory Committee
 - Malheur County representing CLHO
 - SBHC Standards Review Workgroup
 - Clackamas County Health Centers
 - Deschutes County Behavioral Health
 - Multnomah County Health Department
 - Umatilla County Public Health
- Request for feedback on proposed changes:
 - Office hours / listening sessions
 - Site feedback survey
 - Individual meetings, by request





Proposed Changes Overview

Require specific services onsite

- Behavioral health (10 hours / 2 days per week)
 - Broaden what "counts" for behavioral health staffing hours
- Youth health & wellness support (5 hours per week)
- Contraceptive dispensing (at least one method, plus condoms)
- Fluoride varnish
- Hearing screening
- Referrals for gender affirming treatment
- Increased flexibility of what it means to deliver services "onsite" i.e., outside the SBHC building





Proposed Changes Overview

Create Youth-Centered Clinical Environment:

- Comfortable, inclusive environment
- Access to all-gender restroom
- Youth-oriented educational materials
- Variety of methods to communicate with youth clients (e.g., text, etc.)

Ensure equitable access:

- Support language access
- Require staff trainings
- Provide trauma-informed, gender affirming care
- Ensure SBHC access follows Oregon minor consent statute





Proposed Changes Overview

Other notable changes:

- At least one strategy to support:
 - Youth engagement
 - School integration (+ require school "primary contact")
 - Parent/caregiver involvement
 - Community engagement
- Expectations for sponsoring agency collaboration
- (Eventual) implementation of REAL-D and SOGI data collection





Site Feedback Survey

- Intent to receive high-level feedback from SBHCs on proposed Standards revisions
- Received responses (n=46) from all SBHC medical and behavioral health sponsoring agencies, except:
 - One medical sponsor and
 - One behavioral health sponsor;
 - One SBHC system completed the survey four separate times.
- Asked about:
 - Level of support for changes
 - Clarity of changes
 - Timeline needed to meet new requirements

- Support / TAT needed
- Feedback on individual Standards
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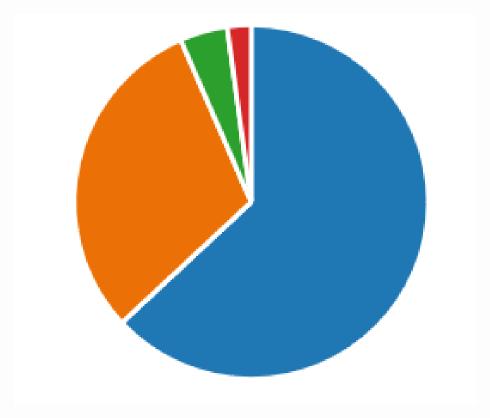
Overall Support

• 93% (n=43) very or somewhat supportive of changes

Of LPHA respondents (n=15):

- Very: 10 (67%)

- Somewhat: 5 (33%)



	Very supportive	29
	Somewhat supportive	14
•	A little supportive	2
•	Not at all supportive	1





Reasons for level of support

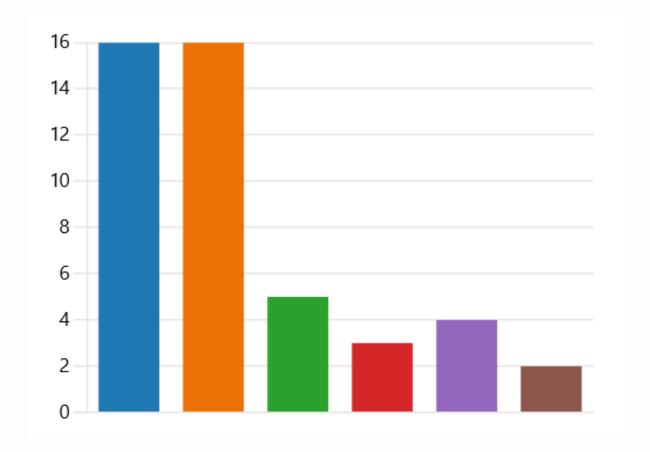
- Need clarification (n=4)
- Support:
 - Specific requirements
 - Modernizes program (n=12)
 - Brings clarity (n=8)
 - Improve quality of care
 - Feel SBHC program will support implementation (n=3)

- Do not support:
 - Contraceptive dispensing (n=7)
 - Specific lab requirements (since removed)
- Other concerns:
 - Potential costs (n=2)
 - Lack of adequate space in current SBHC (n=2)





Anticipated time to come into compliance

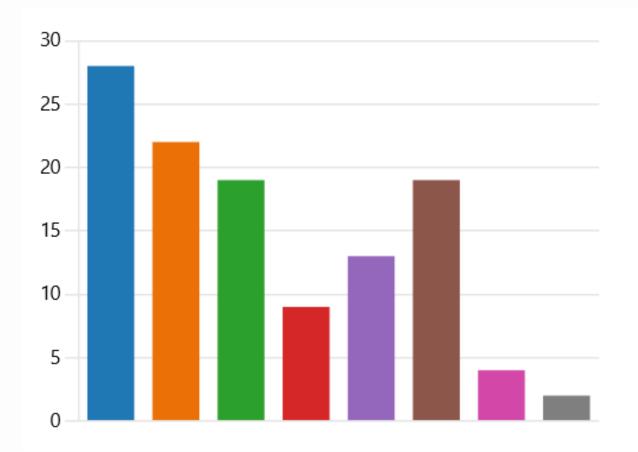








Support needed to meet new Standards



•	Increased funding	28
	SPO guidance on how to meet t	22
•	School or district support	19
•	Community engagement support	9
	Training	13
	Examples from other SBHCs	19
•	None	4
	Other	2





Next steps

Aug-Sept 2024: Seek CLHO approval for proposed changes

Aug-Sept 2024: Finalize Standards document & share widely

Fall 2024: SBHC Site Visit workgroup

Fall 2024: Standards Implementation TAT planning

Winter 2025: SBHC administrative rules update

Spring 2025: Request for additional SBHC funding (OHA POP)

2025-2026 SY: Update internal policies & procedures

Ongoing: SBHC Partner Advisory Committee

July 1, 2026: New SBHC Standards go into effect







QUESTIONS?





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