



## **NEW MEXICO ALLIANCE FOR SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CARE 2018-19 POLICY AGENDA**

The purpose of this policy agenda is to outline prioritized policy issues supported by NMASBHC. The policy agenda serves as screen for NMASBHC advocacy. Planning around specific advocacy initiatives will be coordinated among the Advocacy Committee, the Executive Committee and NMASBHC's lobbyist.

- A. Advocate to maintain current local, state and federal funding levels for NM SBHCs.
- B. Support policy decisions and legislation that protect, promote and sustain existing NM SBHCs. These include:
  - Efforts to sustain and restore funding for the Rural Primary Health Care Act community health centers because they sponsor the majority of SBHCs.
  - Full participation of NM SBHCs in the NM Medicaid Centennial Care Program;
  - Access for NM SBHCs to seek innovative and alternative funding and support (e.g. local, county, state and federal funds; foundation and corporate grants; etc.)
- C. Support, as appropriate, policy decisions and legislation for programs and issues that promote student health and educational success (case-by-case basis):
  - Comprehensive Well Exams (EPSDT)
  - Adolescent Reproductive Health, Adolescent Unintended Pregnancy, Support of Expectant and Parenting Teens, and Equitable Access to Comprehensive Contraception
  - Behavioral Health, including Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
  - Youth Substance Abuse, including Tobacco and Alcohol, Prevention
  - Oral Health
  - Primary Care
  - Coordinated School Health
  - Epidemiology and Response
  - Public Health
  - School Health Services including School Nursing, Counseling, Social Work, Psychology and Health Education.
- D. Support legislation that protects nonprofits from being negatively impacted by any changes in the tax code.
- E. Support access for all children and families to healthcare through appropriate Medicaid and insurance coverage.