**Policy Priorities 2022**

**SCHA-MI’s Top Policy Priorities**

1. Preserve funding for Child and Adolescent Health Centers in the FY 2023 Budget:

* Preserve $8.0 million in 31a of the School Aid Budget for Child and Adolescent Health Centers
* Preserve $14.3 million in line 31n, sub-section 5, of the School Aid Budget for mental health services in schools
* Preserve $1.5 million in the Department of Health and Human Services for Child and Adolescent Health Centers

1. Increase funding for Child and Adolescent Health Centers in the FY 2023 Budget, School Aid Budget

* $11.2 million of ongoing funding for expansion and support of CAHCs – 31a(7)
* $20 million in one-time COVID funding for support of network – 31a(7)

1. Ensure that our current centers are given a base funding increase to remain competitive
2. Increased flexibility for both location and full-time status for providing services to meet both the demand and the realignment of students from virtual to in-person to virtual and to reflect the shift in populations through COVID19
3. Pursue the sustainability of Community Health Workers and Case Managers through reimbursement for services that currently are not billed
4. Provide evidenced based mental health prevention education to all students in school districts as part of the policy to prevent school violence.

**Policy Priorities Supported by SCHA-MI**

The School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan supports numerous policies that improve the health and well-being of youth in Michigan. We believe prioritizing each of these key policies will be beneficial to our centers and their patients.

* Continue to increase mental health services to those children who currently do not have access to such services, including existing sites being able to increase mental health services, with flexibility in programs that meets the needs of the community
* Ensure that all school-age children are immunized and ready to learn
* Create a School Medical Home that provides a continuum of school-aged services to all, including but not limited to primary care, preventative care, dental care, vision care, mental health care
* Recognize that Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) is a critical health issue in Michigan and take steps to ensure that training is made available as appropriate for the impact of the ACEs
* Support legislation that prevents youth from vaping
* Increase to telehealth connectivity to support integrated health. Increase training for this modality, including equipment expertise and best practices in telehealth delivery
* Support legislation and policy that prevents school violence
* Support for increased access to healthcare services for children and youth in foster care
* Collaborate with other stakeholders to create a strong and robust health care system for Michigan youth
* Expand Medicaid Match to all funding
* Support mental health days off for students