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Executive Summary

2008-2009 was a very exciting year for school based-health centers (SBHCs) in Louisiana. OPH funded 62 SBHCs, in 26 parishes. Unfortunately, 2 centers were forced to close temporarily. The SBHC in Cameron Parish was destroyed by Hurricane Ike in 2008. This is the second time in 4 years that Cameron Parish experienced such devastation, having been wiped out by Hurricane Rita in 2005. However, CHRISTUS St. Patrick Hospital, the Cameron Parish School System and many collaborative partners once again showed amazing resilience and began rebuilding almost immediately. Also in 2008 the SBHC at McDonogh 35 in New Orleans closed because of a recurring mold problem. McDonogh 35's new sponsor, the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans, is working to remediate this problem, assisted by The Kellogg Foundation and School Health Connection, who funded the building. Both the Cameron site and McDonogh 35 should return to full operations in the 2009-2010 school year. Despite losing these 2 SBHCs, the Program provided access to health services to nearly 55,000 students statewide.

Through its partnership with the Children's Health Fund, OPH/ASHP provided SBHC behavioral health professionals with opportunities to attend inservice trainings and receive continuing education credit. OPH/ASHP also provided technical assistance to new sponsors and best practices workshops on asthma, HIV, and tobacco cessation to SBHC medical personnel.

Unfortunately in 2008-2009, Louisiana SBHCs experienced the loss of two important people. Dr. Maureen Daly, who served as Medical Director of ASHP for 10 years and as both Medical Director and Program Manager for 9, left the Program to return to her home state of Colorado. Under her leadership, the number of SBHCs statewide increased dramatically. Additionally, she leaves behind a legacy of commitment to quality health care for the young people of Louisiana through the promulgation of standards for best practices in the delivery of SBHC services.

The SBHC movement also says farewell to one of its strongest advocates. Lloyd L. Lindsey, Jr., Superintendent of West Feliciana Parish Schools for more than 16 years, passed away in April 2009. "Mr. Lindsey supported the SBHC in the West Feliciana Family Service Center, with utmost respect for the staff and with enthusiasm for the work taking place there," according to Dr. Martha Pope, SBHC Medical Director. Stressing the important connection between health and education, he brought all school visitors to see the full spectrum of services-medical, mental health, early childhood education, and adult education/family literacy-offered on-site to meet the diverse needs of children and families. He would tell anyone who would listen about the benefits of having the health staff right on campus. He would say, "If we meet their health needs on-site, we preserve valuable instructional time in the classroom. Healthy children are happier students-they feel better and are ready to learn." The Family Service Center School Based Health Center is dedicated to continue Mr. Lindsey's quest for excellence.

Section One, Program Highlights & Overview, details the history of the program, current location of SBHCs, the year's important events, standards governing operation, the continuous quality improvement program, and the SBHCs' Best Practice Initiative.

Section Two, Who Visits SBHCs and Why, graphically displays why students visit SBHCs, including the top reasons for a clinic visit. It includes information on visits by grade, gender, and ethnicity.

Section Three, Louisiana SBHCs Profiles, contains descriptive information on each SBHC, including names of community partners and advisory committee members.

Appendices A-C includes (A) examples of diagnoses regularly seen in the SBHC; (B) text of the State law that created the program; (C) and the financial statement for OPH/ASHP for State fiscal year 2008-2009.

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