



Waterford School District Plans Child and Adolescent Health Center through Michigan Department of Community Health Grant

June 15, 2005, Waterford, Mich. - Governor Jennifer Granholm and the Michigan Department of Community Health has announced that the Waterford School District is the recipient of the Child and Adolescent Health Center (CAHC) Planning Grant, awarding \$60,000. This award will allow students to receive on-site primary health care, mental health services, health promotion and disease prevention education, and referral services. The CAHCs are specifically designed to target uninsured, underinsured, and publicly insured children aged 5 to 10, and youth aged 10 to 21, along with infants and small children of the adolescent population. This grant will allow the Waterford School District to begin plans for a CAHC on the Manley Campus, which now operates the Waterford Alternative High School.

The state's CAHC grants are funded through a combination of \$3.7 million in State School Aid dollars, matched with \$6.8 million in local and federal Medicaid resources. In addition, each center is required to collect third-party revenue and to collect fees through a sliding fee scale, based on family income levels. Local community support is also required, with local agencies providing an additional 30 percent match of state allocations.

In the fall, 12 of 23 planning grantees will be awarded an implementation grant of \$175,000 per year for the next 3 years to open a CAHC. In order to earn this award the district has to document needs, establish partnerships within the community, and develop a plan of operations to submit to the state. Some of the Waterford School District's initial partners include Genesys Health System, Oakland County Health Division, the 51st District Court, Oakland County Corrections, Easter Seals Society of Michigan, and The Waterford Coalition for Youth. Additional partnerships are being sought out and established. The Waterford School District is one of 23 in the state, and the only district in Oakland County, to receive the planning grant.

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