



# Montana Healthcare Foundation Sharing Summit

Interprofessional Team Approach at  
Northern Cheyenne Nation

# Montana State University History



Listening Sessions 2015 – 2016

Appeared before NC Tribal Council

Grant Writing 2017

HRSA Funded 2018 – 2022

14 visits in 4 school years

3 Child Find Events

Continuous Quality Improvement

# Northern Cheyenne Board of Health History



Montana Healthcare Foundation 2022 -  
2024

Yarrow Public Health Consulting Firm  
Engaged

Weekly Planning Sessions between  
Partnering Organizations

Contracts and MOUs Executed 2022-2023

Policy & Procedures Development Amended  
SBHC Scope of Work to 638 I.H.S. Contract

# The Team

- Yarrow Public Health Consulting Firm
- MSU Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
- Smiles Across Montana (SAM) Oral and Dental Health Services
- Thinking Cap Development and Behavioral Health
- Tribal Board of Health - Health Promotion
- Montana State Audiology
- Advanced Eye Care Optometry

# Northern Cheyenne School-Based Health Care

## What it is

- Accessible health care for the youth of the community
- Holistic
- Interprofessional
- Evidence-based

## What it is not

- Replacement for the school nurse
- Acute-care focused only



# Locations

- Northern Cheyenne Head Start
- Lame Deer Elementary
- Lame Deer High School
- Busby Tribal School



# Who Benefits?



# Academic Year 2022-2023

- NP visits 4 days per month (T-F)
  - Spends 1 day at each site
  - Have completed 127 sports physicals, 775 vision and hearing screenings, and 205 dental visits.
  - DNP and BSN nursing students
- Beginning AY 2023-24, clinic will be open 4 days per week.



# Limitations

- Hiring a Program Coordinator
- Finding and credentialing healthcare providers to staff the clinics.
- Space for clinic in each location
- Helping families understand that we collaborate with I.H.S. but are not part of I.H.S.
- Obtaining consents for treatment
- Tracking follow up on referrals to care

# Future

- Determining next indicators of excellence
- Establishing a business model to ensure sustainability
- Sharing and advertising toward building a client panel
- Medicaid enrollment
- Recruiting an indigenous workforce
- Expanding services to the community
- Partnering with Community Health Workers

# Conclusion

- SBHCs are a mechanism for achieving health equity.
- The collaboration has been a bridge during the community transition to revenue generating approaches now underway
- We believe that an interprofessional team including students is a sustainable way to initiate SBHC while the community formalizes their system.

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# Questions or Comments

