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Getting to Wide-Scale Adoption of Quality, Comprehensive School Mental Health in the U.S.

Discussion of the Initial Recommendations of the Expert Panel on School Mental Health

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In September 2017, SAMHSA and other federal and national partners convened an Expert Panel on School Mental Health. This session will provide participants with an opportunity to:

- learn about the recommendations of the Expert Panel and contribute to their further development
- become familiar with the “Draft Briefing on the State of School Mental Health”; and
- engage in a discussion about recommended strategies to scale up quality, comprehensive school mental health across the nation and
- Identify action steps
Partners- CORE Work group

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Workshop Overview

• Welcome and Overview

• Framing our work together

• Review of Expert Panel on SMH Meeting outcomes

• Group Discussions and Action Steps

• Report outs

• Wrap up
Setting the Stage

• **We know that mental health is essential to successful education and life outcomes. It cannot be an add-on, it must be integrated into a whole-child perspective** – Joyce Sebian, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

• **Over the years we’ve moved to a recognition of mental health being integral in schools and tremendous advancement in evidence-based practices, multi-tiered systems of support, shared mental health agendas, and performance measurement in school mental health, but there is still much more to accomplish** – Nancy Lever, Center for School Mental Health, University of Maryland School of Medicine

• **Children’s mental health is tied to their entire wellbeing** – Olga Acosta Price, Center for Health and Health Care in Schools

• **Health affects education and education affects health** – Norris Dickard, Department of Education/Office of Elementary & Secondary Education/Office of Safe and Healthy Students
Framing our Work Together

What might this work look like?

- 22nd Annual Conference on Advancing SMH – Oct 2017
- Outreach to key stakeholders/leaders
- Engagement/support to SMH leadership
- Identify models of excellence
- Link with National Community of Practice for School Behavioral Health
- Engage stakeholders through multiple partnership venues- conference presentations and sessions/social media
- Develop webinars and other mechanisms
- Focus groups
Framing our Work Together

Action Planning

• **What can we do as a group?**

• **What can we do as individuals?**

• **What can my organization do?**
Comprehensive School Mental Health

• What is it?

• Why grow it?

• Current Status of the Field

• Elements of School Mental Health Quality

• Elements of School Mental Health Sustainability

• Shaping your System
Strategies

- Local
- State
- Federal and National
What LOCAL strategies most successfully drive the scaling-up of comprehensive SMH?

• Gain leadership/community (superintendent, schoolboard, families, etc.) buy-in
• Designate resources and time (i.e., funding strategies, connect needs with payment capacity, referral coordination, time)
• Engage in data reporting, sharing, and continuous quality improvement for successful outcomes; and carefully monitor outcomes
What STATE strategies most successfully drive the scaling-up of comprehensive SMH?

- Develop training and implementation initiatives, including: an annual state School Mental Health conference, website, and TA on how to work in schools, cross-system provider training, EBP selection and implementation support, and state-specific funding guidance

- Promote cross-sector engagement, goal-setting, and decision making (including communities)

- Coordinate “Council” (including superintendent and other state officials) to include substructures/workgroups that also incorporate private partners or local representatives with SMH as a priority for all involved
Discussion-Key Questions

• Prioritize- What recommendation you want to discuss? What “grabs” your attention?

• How could we make this idea work? (in my community? State? National level?)

• Did we miss anything? Are there gaps that need to be addressed?
Suggested Discussion Group Process

• Identify a recorder

• Capture your groups ideas on the Easel paper

• Record ideas on the Discussion Guide provided

• Turn in to workshop leaders
Wrap up

Thank you!

Complete your evaluation
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