

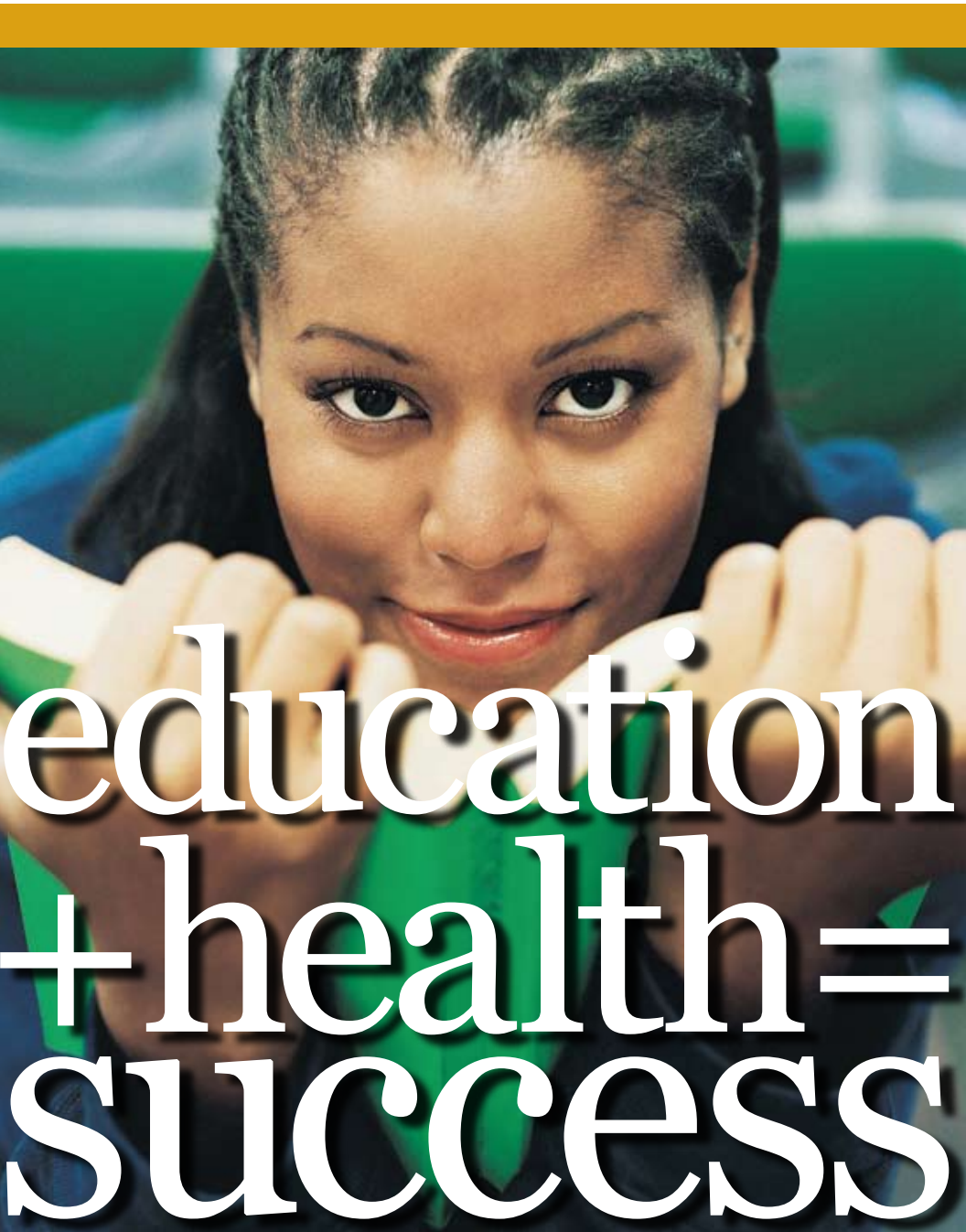


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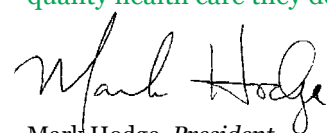
No one said that advocating to ensure all children in Maryland receive quality healthcare would be easy, but the Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care (MASBHC) continues to make it a priority for elected officials, youth, parents, educators, community and healthcare professionals by building relationships and forming partnerships. And, in a year of transitions that strengthened our organization's membership, community partners and staff, MASBHC continues to move forward.

This year our legislative committee planned and organized our most attended legislative reception to date. One-third of Maryland's legislators, health center professionals, parents and over 75 students from Baltimore City, Dorchester County, Montgomery County and Prince George's County were in attendance. Reception speakers included the office of Congressman Chris Van Hollen; John M. Colmers, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and Attorney Laurie Norris of the Public Justice Center. Not only did we gain attention from crowding the Miller Senate Office Building with red MASBHC t-shirts but state legislators were able to hear inspirational stories directly from students. By working together with members, staff, community partners and other organizations, MASBHC is increasing school-based health center awareness and strengthening our advocacy voice.

Also this year, we gave our website a facelift and invited all MASBHC supporters to participate. Our new website gives students, parents, school-based health center staff and organizations the opportunity to share their stories, provide feedback and make comments. With the support of MASBHC's community partners we are producing a DVD which will feature opening remarks from Lt. Governor Anthony Brown and highlight the importance of school-based health centers. As the only school-based health center advocacy voice in Maryland we will continue to position ourselves as experts, providing tangible and intangible resources for communities interested in starting a school-based health center.

To make us stronger in all of our activities, we made changes in our staff, board and committee structures that will allow us to pursue our mission more efficiently and effectively and receive ongoing input for strategic planning from the perspectives of both community-based and clinical volunteer leaders.

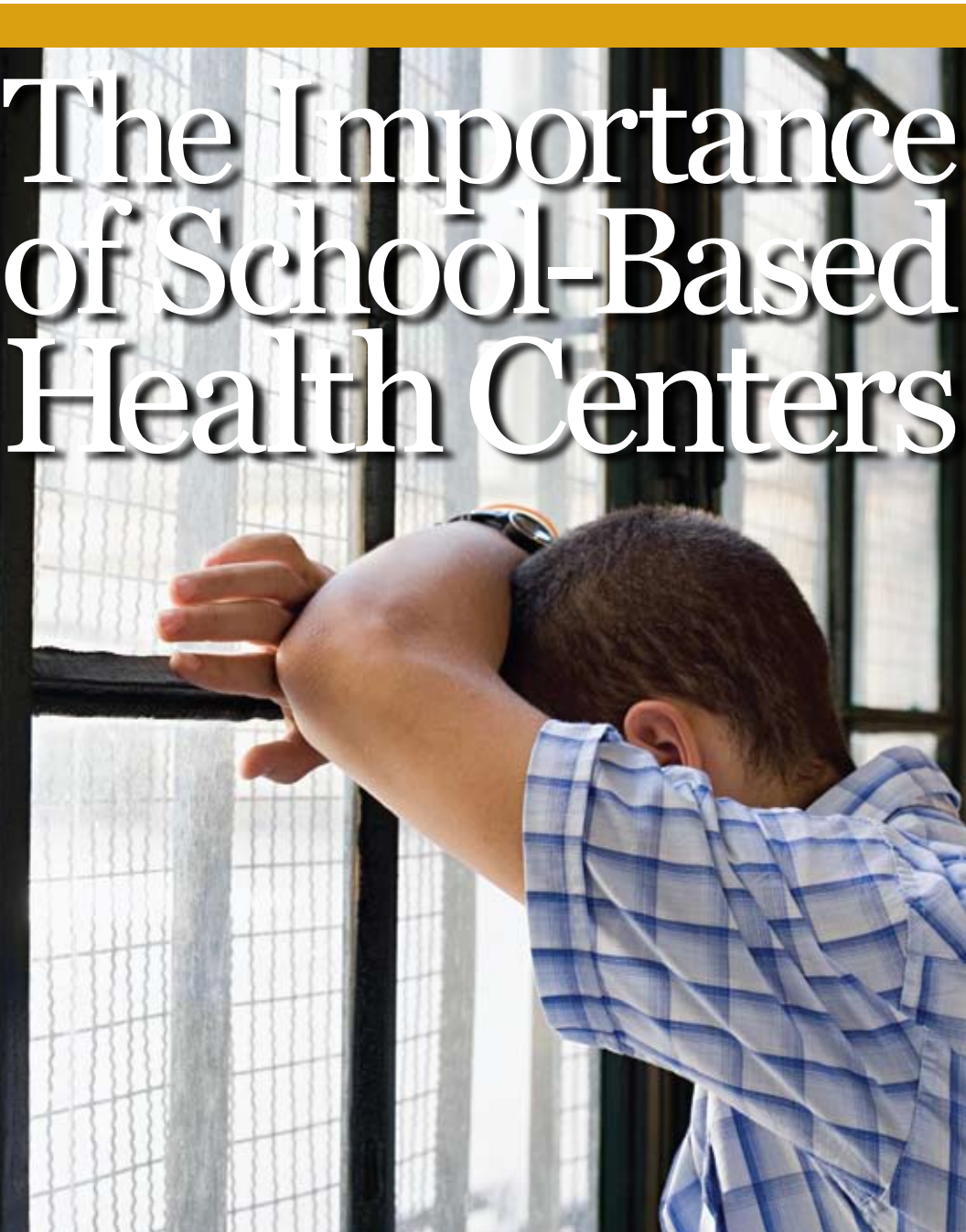
MASBHC is heading into an exciting time, a time in which we are being asked to grow to meet the needs of the communities in which we serve and then to be able to sustain that growth. In order to do this, we must continue to work together, take risks and raise our voices to make an extraordinary difference and ensure that Maryland families receive the quality health care they deserve.


Mark Hodge, *President*


Gene Lewis, *Executive Director*



The Importance of School-Based Health Centers



Every school day in Maryland in 11 of our 24 jurisdictions 50,489 students have access to a school-based health center, the doctors' office in the school.

In school year 2006-2007 parent/guardians enrolled 25,390 of their children in their school-based health center and 13,700 used their center at least one time.*

In school year 2006-2007 60,343 visits were made to the school-based health center.*

Out of the 61 school-based health centers:

- 100%** offer on site medical care
- 81%** offer mental health services
- 46%** offer on site oral health services
- 64%** offer substance abuse counseling

Our school-based health centers are offering on site in the school the following services to their students who are enrolled:

- 100%** treating acute medical problems
- 100%** are treating chronic medical problems such as asthma and diabetes
- 85%** are offering sports physicals so their children can play after school sports
- 93%** are offering nutritional counseling to combat and prevent obesity

- 81%** are offering mental health services
- 80%** are offering acute crisis intervention
- 82%** are offering grief and loss therapy
- 80%** offer mental health assessment
- 67%** are offering risk assessment
- 79%** are offering brief solution focused mental health therapy
- 64%** are providing substance use counseling
- 64%** offer tobacco use counseling
- 80%** offer conflict resolution and mediation
- 46%** of our school-based health centers offer on site oral health service and offer on site:
 - 18%** offer comprehensive periodic oral exam
 - 20%** can treat oral problems identified
 - 28%** offer oral prophylaxis
 - 33%** offer sealant program
 - 46%** offer oral hygiene instruction

* Information based on 51 of 61 school-based health centers who submitted data for 2006-2007 school year.



Accomplishments at a Glance



Community Outreach

More than 25 letters were signed by community leaders as potential allies in support of school-based health centers.

Community Advisory Boards staffed by community leaders, students, elected officials, educators and/or parents were established at most community partnering sites.

MASBHC supported and attended community health fairs leading to membership growth and recognition from educators and students.

Communications

Our website received a facelift! MASBHC's mission, goals, and vision are clearly identified and easily located. The website targets clinicians, elected officials, media, youth, parents, and educators.

A MASBHC MySpace page was introduced to engage youth and like-organizations throughout Maryland.

We're currently in the process of producing a DVD which will feature all community partnering counties and serve as a resource tool for Maryland counties aspiring to open a SBHC.

Media Coverage

The Baltimore Examiner featured a story on the construction of Montgomery County's fifth school-based health center. Montgomery County councilmember was quoted, "... there are many children in Montgomery County

who may not otherwise get health care ... and this is huge if we want our students to succeed."

Cambridge Daily Banner featured a Dorchester Senator tour of two Dorchester County School-Based Health Centers.

Kathy Wise, a MASBHC founder, community organizer, and member was recognized in a local publication as an advocate for families.

Steven Morris, MASBHC board member was recognized as an educator and recent published author of "From Whence I Came ...Victorious in The Face of Evil.

What's Next?

MASBHC will continue to bring our members what they want and depend on:

- Technical Assistance and Training events for all professionals;
- Legislative Day 2009;
- Annual Conference 2009; and
- Annual Business Meeting 2009.

What's New?

MASBHC is growing and growing fast. Please continue to support us as we join the communities in which we serve.

- MASBHC's presence at community events;
- MASBHC collaboration with like-organizations;
- MASBHC newsletter; and
- MASBHC sponsored events at community partnering sites.



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