

SCHOOL BASED CLINIC LABORATORY RELATED FUNCTIONS

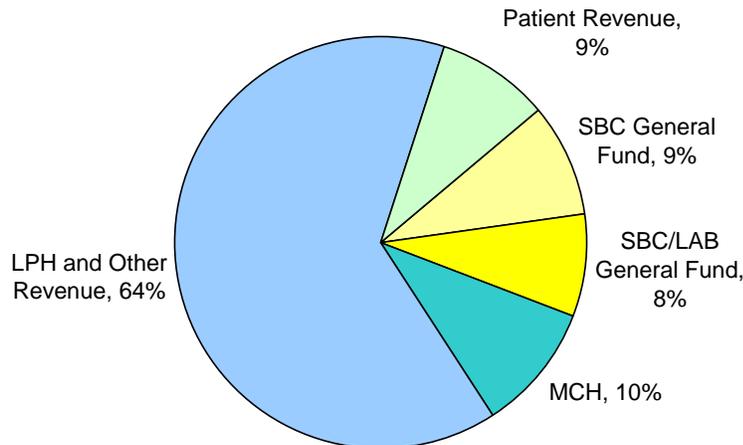
City of Minneapolis School Based Clinics (SBC) provides primary and mental health services to over 4,000 Minneapolis Public School high school students annually at six school locations. Many of the students accessing the clinics do not have a medical home, and about 50 % of the students have no health insurance. Having clinics on site in the schools reduces barriers to access to health care, has a positive impact on student attendances and overall student health, and helps to assure that students who need immunizations for school attendance receive them. The project is an example of an effective school/community health partnership and is well received by students, parents, and school administration. This work contributes to City indicators on preventing sexually transmitted infections and teen pregnancy, and contributes to school success.

The public health laboratory has been an essential part of school based clinic operations as they have provided not only laboratory testing services but have also handled the ordering and distribution of clinical supplies, vaccine and medications, sterilization and maintenance of medical equipment, as well as coordinating the delivery of supplies and medication to the six locations. The projected 2010 cost to ensure that SBC lab and supportive services are maintained at the current level without the public health lab is as follows:

Internal expenses	
Personnel 1.5 FTE*	\$108,281
Space, lab supplies, Hazardous waste disposal	\$66,800
External /contracted	
Referral lab cost	<u>\$116,000</u>
Total Cost	\$291,081
Cost reduced by funds currently budgeted for SBC labs (LPH & patient revenue)	<u>\$104,569</u>
Net lab related expense for SBC	\$186,512

The net lab related expense of \$186,512 is needed for SBC to maintain its current level of lab related operations. Almost all SBC services offered require some type of laboratory testing, and governmental regulations require that clinical programs have minimal services in place in order to safely operate. If these additional funds are not provided and the costs had to be absorbed within the existing SBC budget, the result would be a reduction in services to address teen pregnancy preventions, sexual transmitted disease reduction, and improvement in adolescent health.

Proposed School Based Clinic (SBC) Budget for 2010



*Provide coordination of tests for referral lab, ordering and maintain SBC supplies and vaccines, sterilization of equipment and hazardous waste, and accreditation.