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Hi Carlene,

Below are the talking points from Southern Peigan School Base Clinic. Rose LaPine, School Base Provider and Cathy Mountain Chief, SPHC Administrator will be attending the next school board meeting.

We propose to pilot a telehealth program at Browning Middle School. This will be under Blackfeet Tribal Health Services (BTHS), School-based Clinic. This Telehealth program is an extension of the School-based Clinic whereby clients from the school, students and staff alike, can be seen/examined and offered treatment by a health care provider via telemedicine. A personnel from BTHS is the only staff who is allowed and responsible in transmitting health information to the provider, thereby maintaining privacy of health information. There will be no cost from the school to get this program established but we will ask for permission to utilize a room that will look like an exam room which can be locked after use.

The main goal of the Telehealth program is for our clients to reach out for medical/nursing/mental help when needed while in school, thereby minimizing delays of care. Since this is a pilot program, we envision extending this service to all schools in Browning, including East Glacier, Starr School and Babb.

Here are some advantages of telemedicine:

1. It will lessen the burden from school and family members being called to pick up their child to go to a clinic or hospital
2. It has been studied its efficacy and efficiency
3. Because it is computer-based, some children/adults may prefer utilizing telemedicine than in-person health visits i.e. they feel more at ease and comfortable
4. Cost-effective. Guardians not being pulled from their work (although they will still be notified of the visit). Minimize absences in school/work

Please let me know if you need anything else or have questions. Have a great day!

Thank you,

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