

Kelsey Shearer worked with the MetroHealth School Health Program to research and brainstorm innovative ways for stable funding in healthcare under the supervision of Dr. Vanessa Maier, MetroHealth's Medical Director of School Programs. The MetroHealth School Health Program brings primary physicians into elementary, middle, and high schools with mobile and in-school clinics. These clinics provide sports physicals, sexual health screenings, management for chronic illnesses like asthma, vaccinations, and other general health care.

During her time with MetroHealth School Health Program, Kelsey developed and followed a research design to find options for stable funding and solutions for expanding school-based health programs. She networked and facilitated conversations with individuals in Medicaid reimbursement, Ohio School Health Services Association, Ohio Department of Education, National School-Based Health Alliance, and Center for Community and advocacy opportunities

Kelsey's experience helped her learn about the complexities of health care and the importance of collaboration. She brings these new tools, insight, and perspective to her as she moves into a healthcare profession.