

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING UNITED COMMUNITY PARTNERS

As a signatory to this Memorandum of understanding (“MOU”), Jefferson County Public Schools is committed to working with Metro United Way and other signatories (collectively, the “United Community Partners”) to improve the health and well-being of all citizens in Louisville by creating a shared data platform that will seamlessly connect people to the services they need—no matter where they seek assistance. The purpose of this MOU is to document the commitment of the United Community Partners to work together to facilitate the success of this initiative for the duration of the term of this MOU.

The United Community partners are committed to implementing United Community to help the Louisville community address the social determinants of health by linking education, health, and social services in one interconnected system. The creation and implementation of the technology platform to share data among doctors’ offices, hospitals, schools, and social service organizations at multiple touchpoints, will streamline access, navigation, and coordination of available resources. This “no wrong door” solution ensures those who need support are quickly referred and served, which will be a dramatic improvement over current care referral in our community.

United Community is a city-wide effort to create a shared technology platform that removes barriers to access and enhances navigation of services by coordinating across the health, education and human services sectors, enabling seamless referrals between agencies to meet every type of care need. It will provide the foundation for a connected community support system that improves the life outcomes of children, individuals and families across Louisville by facilitating integrated, multidimensional supports for our most vulnerable.

With the United Community shared data platform:

- Individuals are connected to wraparound supports to help them overcome barriers to wellbeing, such as housing, food and transportation.
- Caseworkers and health care providers can share vital information about individuals’ needs, choices and living situations that could impact their ability to stay healthy.
- Students who fall off track are flagged to identify the health-related social needs of themselves and their families and to connect them to the appropriate services.
- Older citizens and their caregivers can find resources to support their ability to stay at home and avoid preventable emergency room visits and hospitalizations.
- Resources are maximized and efficacy/efficiency increased to reduce barriers and improve access.

Desired outcomes include: people receive the services they need to strengthen themselves and their families; individuals’/families’ basic needs are met; individuals/families avoid homelessness, increase their income and remain stably housed; individuals/families have the knowledge and skills to manage their health and well-being; individuals/families have other people to turn to in times of need; avoidable emergency visits and hospitalizations are reduced or eliminated; the community understands and is responsive to the challenges

individuals/families face; and the system of services is improved by eliminating barriers to access.

United Community will establish a governance structure for the cross-sector collaboration, with representatives from partner organizations serving on a governance committee, and Metro United Way serving as fiscal sponsor. Initial partner organizations will include those signatories to this MOU, listed as an addendum. The responsibility of the governance committee is to review the system's performance, assess outcomes and course correct as necessary.

The governance committee will select a vendor to assist in the implementation of the United Community effort. At the time the vendor is selected and a vendor contract presented, a separate agreement will be signed by the participating organizations setting the United Community effort as a project of the Metro United Way, with the Metro United Way board of directors holding fiduciary and legal oversight responsibility for the vendor contract and the payment of the vendor's fees and expenses. At the same time, the participating organizations will prepare and sign data sharing agreements that will set forth in greater detail the arrangements for the sharing of data among the participating organizations and the permitted uses of the data.

The signatories of this MOU (hereafter referred to as "parties") pledge to collaborate, communicate, and share outcomes by aligning the goals and metrics of their respective entities to the goals of the United Community strategy, participating regularly in the United Community governance process, and using data to make decisions regarding allocation of resources to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

TERM

The term of this MOU is from the date of the approval of the MOU by all parties for eighteen (18) months, including any extensions agreed to in writing by all parties.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The parties acknowledge and are cognizant that several laws exist that address the exchange of information or prohibition of the exchange of information between entities, both public and private. All parties agree to familiarize their entities with these laws and enter into agreements with the releasing agency that spell out the limits of the dissemination of said information. All parties agree to abide by these agreements to ensure the proper retention and release of any such information. The parties acknowledge that the relevant laws pertaining to this paragraph include, but are not limited to, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, including a requirement for participant consent prior to sharing information and other privacy laws, such as state privacy laws and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
2. Except as otherwise expressly agreed to hereunder, each party individually shall be responsible for its own costs and expenses associated with participation in this MOU.
3. This MOU is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed as, a joint venture,

- association, partnership, franchise, or other form of business organization.
4. All notices under this MOU from an entity to another entity or entities shall be in Writing and shall be deemed to have been adequately given when delivered to the chief executive officer of the notified entity or entities.
 5. This MOU shall be governed by, interpreted, and construed in all respects in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
 6. All parties to this MOU represent that they are duly authorized to enter in to the MOU and that these terms are legally binding.
 7. The parties agree that in the performance of this MOU they will not discriminate in hiring, employment, and contracting practices and that they will conduct themselves consistent with their nondiscrimination policies and with the state and federal laws prohibiting illegal discrimination.
 8. This MOU will be signed by each party upon a separate copy, and the combination of separate copies signed by all parties will constitute a single MOU among all parties.
 9. Each party has the right to withdraw from participation in the United Community effort by written notice to all other parties delivered at least 30 days before the date of withdrawal stated in the notice.

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Signed this 31st day of October, 2018.

Signature: _____

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