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**Action/Discussion Item:** Approve the agreement between Mountain Comprehensive Care Center (MCCC) and the Floyd County Schools for the provision of school-based therapy services during the 2019-20 school year.

**Applicable Statutes or Regulations:** KRS 158.440 and 160.290

**Background and major Policy Implications:** In the past, mental health services to students may have been limited due to difficulties that families experience with transporting children to appointments at MCCC. Students who had transportation and for whom appointments were scheduled during the school day were absent from school for a day or a portion thereof.

Providing therapy services on-site address both issues. Availability of MCCC staff members has also increased awareness of services available to students (and family members) that may have a need for mental health services. The number of sites served is directly related to availability of qualified MCCC therapist.

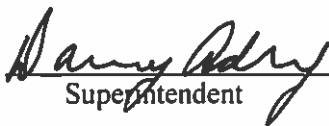
**Fiscal Budgetary Impact:** There will be no direct cost to Floyd County Schools associated with this agreement. Therapeutic services will be billed to each child's medical card, insurance, or to any grant monies available at MCCC. Therapists are provided a room in which to work at each school served.

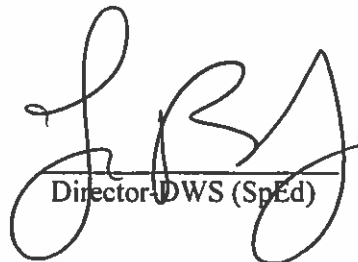
**Alternatives:** None proposed

**Recommended Action:** Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Floyd County Board of Education and Mountain Comprehensive Care for School-based therapy during the 2019-20 school year.

**Contact Person:** Larry Begley, Director of District Wide Services 606.886.4533

**Date:** 7/3/2019

  
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**SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
MOUNTAIN COMPREHENSIVE CARE CENTER  
AND  
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
August 2019 - July 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Floyd County Board of Education, (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), realizes that there are children and adolescents who will perform better academically and function better socially at school if counseling services are accessible and available on-site,

**WHEREAS**, the Board has a strong interest in assuring the success of each student in their charge,

**WHEREAS**, Mountain Comprehensive Care Center (hereinafter referred to as "MCCC"), has a strong interest in, and capability of providing the clinical treatment and therapeutic support to those children in the Floyd County school system who have need of such services,

**IT IS HEREBY AGREED, BY AND BETWEEN THE BOARD AND MCCC:**

- A) The Parties will join in a fully collaborative effort to provide mental health services to children in the Floyd County school system through school based mental health services. Specific schools will be identified by mutual agreement based on the
  - expressed need and desire for such services by the school administrator,
  - availability of space and facilities for such services at that school,
  - on-going availability of qualified mental health personnel to provide those services.
- B) A mental health associate (MHA)/clinician will be on-site at the assigned school as scheduled (per the School-Based Protocol, attached) except on days when there is no school.
- C) A Community Support Associate (CSA) will be on-site at the assigned school as scheduled (per the School-Based Protocol, attached) except on days when there is no school.
- D) The MHA/clinician and CSA will abide by all policies and procedures as established by the Board and each individual school, as well as the policies of Mountain Comprehensive Care.
- E) An initial meeting will be set up between each school principal, the MHA/clinician, The CSA, the school counselor, and the Family Resource Director or school designee to discuss a protocol for communication and referral and to set aside space and identify facilities (e.g., phone access) necessary for mental health services/counseling.
- F) The Board Will Provide:
  - 1) Administrative encouragement, support and flexibility to those schools and Family Resource Centers who are participating in the School-Based services program including space donated for purposes of mental health contacts at the school.

G) MCCC Will Provide:

- l) Administrative and clinical supervision, a qualified mental health associate/therapist, a Community Support Associate, and any necessary clinical materials, as agreed to in the protocol.

Mental health services will be billed according to MCCC agency contracts with Medicaid and the Kentucky Department of Mental Health. Each individual child will be billed on a fee-for-service basis using a third-party payer. No parent or guardian of a Floyd County student will receive a bill from MCCC. The Board will not be billed by MCCC for these school-based mental health services.

Psychological testing is not included in this service array.

All medical records will be maintained at the Floyd County MCCC Office and are the property of MCCC. Access to the medical record by the school can only be made available through a release signed by each child's guardian or a court order.

It is understood that mental health services offered at the school may extend into the summer months when school is out of session only as agreed upon by the school administrator and MCCC.

This contract may be terminated with or without cause with two weeks written notice by either party via certified mail.

Agreed to, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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Superintendent, Floyd County Board of Education

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