

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT 2019 – 2020

BETWEEN

RIVERVALLEY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AND

WEBSTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

*Mailed
Signed Copy
8-6-19
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In recognition of the importance of the mental health system and educational system working more closely together in order to provide the most effective services for children who are displaying emotional and/or behavioral difficulties, it is agreed that:

- 1) RiverValley Behavioral Health may provide on-site services in the Webster County Public School System. Services will be voluntary on the part of the child and his/her family and would be in addition to other services offered by Webster County Public Schools.
- 2) RiverValley Behavioral Health will work cooperatively with school staff members to inform parents of each student about the availability of RiverValley's on-site services at the cooperating school. Parents who wish to avail themselves of these services shall contact RiverValley to schedule an initial appointment. During this session, a psychosocial history would be obtained, a treatment plan devised and an application for services will be completed. The child's legal guardian will be required to sign a "Permission for Treatment" form and a "Release of Information" form that would allow communication between the child's therapist and school personnel.
- 3) To aid in the communication process, RiverValley staff members could; at the request of Webster County Public School System, become adjunct (unpaid) staff members of the school cooperation; however, this would only allow school personnel to make information available to RiverValley. RiverValley would not be allowed to share information with Webster County Public School's personnel without a signed "Release of Information" form as referred to in #2 above. Should the parent/guardian refuse to sign the "Release of Information" form, school based services will not be available, however, child/family will be referred to the RiverValley Outpatient office for treatment.
- 4) It is agreed that Webster County Public School System will not be held financially responsible for RiverValley Behavioral Health services directly provided to any student or student's family seen in school-based services. Services will be billed to third party payor or to the family. To facilitate this, parents/guardian would be required to sign a Fee Agreement which would allow RiverValley to be reimbursed for services rendered. Third party payor such as Medicaid and insurance will be billed when available. Clients who do not have a third party payor may be assigned a fee based on RiverValley's sliding fee scale.
- 5) It is understood that in order for the program to be feasible, services may be provided in locations where there is a group of students/clients interested in these services, and may not be available for schools where, due to low response, financial feasibility is not present.
- 6) RiverValley will provide qualified mental health therapists as providers of these services. If either party has concerns about the staff involved in this program, they will communicate such concerns to the principal of the school and/or to the RiverValley Clinic Coordinator.

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- 7) Webster County Public School System will provide space for RiverValley staff to work while on-site at the school.
- 8) This agreement shall become effective on endorsement by both parties.
- 9) This agreement shall expire on August 1, 2020. Should either party desire to terminate this agreement prior to the expiration date, they may do so with ten days written notice.

Date

Webster County Public School System

07/18/19

Date



RiverValley Behavioral Health