

**SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MOUNTAIN COMPREHENSIVE CARE CENTER
AND
ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
July 2021 – July 2022**

WHEREAS, the Estill County Board of Education, (hereinafter refers 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 Estill 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 Estill 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:

- 1) 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.
- 2) Mountain Comprehensive Care Center will work with all students in need, regardless of income, and that their services will not be limited to students qualifying for Medicaid.
- 3) Mountain Comprehensive Care Center agrees to provide liability coverage in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, with coverage for all claims in one (1) year being limited to a maximum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000). Said policy shall cover all Mountain Comprehensive Care Center employees during the course of business on the property of the Board of Education. Both parties agree that a copy of said policy shall be available to the designee for the Board of Education upon request, for any counseling services provided by Mountain Comprehensive Care Center under this AGREEMENT. Mountain Comprehensive Care Center further agrees to defend and indemnify Board of Education for any and all actions, complaints, or other allegations made against Board of Education or any of its employees resulting from any alleged actions, treatment, or other activity by the counselors or employees of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center in conjunction with Board of Education under this AGREEMENT.

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 payor. No parent or guardian of an Estill 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 Powell 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 _____, 2021

Superintendent, Estill County Schools

Director of Estill County Board of Education

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**July 2021 – June 2022 School Based Agreement
MOUNTAIN COMPREHENSIVE CARE
SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROTOCOL**

Name of School

Introduction and Summary of School-Based Services Agreement

Participating Schools Will Provide:

- Safe and private space for providing consistent mental health services as scheduled;
- Telephone access for necessary MHA/therapist communications with the MCCC Community Based Services Office or outside the school;
- Reasonable mechanisms for accessing children from the classroom for mental health sessions without compromising their privacy;
- Family Resource/Youth Service Center Support or designee as liaisons with school administrator and parents.

Participating Mental Health Associate (MHA)/Therapists Will Provide:

- Mental health services to identified children;
- Communication with identified school staff regarding scheduling as well as advance notice regarding schedule changes;
- Consultation with teachers and administrators as needed or as able (and with signed Releases of Information in place);
- Education to school staff and parents about mental health services, how it works best, the possibilities and limitations as requested by the school.

MCCC Will Provide:

- Administrative support (travel mileage and time) and clinical supervision to school-based therapists;
- Ongoing recruitment and retention strategies to find and keep qualified personnel;
- Training opportunities to school staff regarding mental health issues, at the school's request;
- Training opportunities to MHA/therapists working in schools to further develop skills;
- Collaborative review of all in home instruction or crisis requests.

If any party has issues or concerns about the above expectations, they will immediately contact the other party to address or resolve the issue.