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Issue Paper

DATE:

9/3/2021

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve the following outside agency, Fernside, to provide short-term grief groups for students in the Kenton County School District. The agency agreed to the conditions set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

NA

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

An estimated 49.5% of adolescents had a mental health disorder and an estimated 22.2% had severe impairment (NIMH, 2020). Depression and anxiety are rising among children (CDC, 2020). Increased access to mental health services is an identified need in our schools (as identified by Terrace Metrics Behavioral Health Screener data). Over the past several years, KCSD mental health consultant has collaborated with community partners and agencies to provide mental health services in our schools at no cost to the Kenton County School District. Fernside has agreed to the conditions outlined in a MOU to provide short-term grief groups for students in the Kenton County School District and NorthKey has approved Fernside as a provider to students and schools.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

NA

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to the following outside agency, Fernside, to provide short-term grief groups for students in the Kenton County School District. The agency agreed to the conditions set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding..

CONTACT PERSON:

Amber Schmidt, mental health consultant

Principal/Administrator

District Administrator

Superintendent

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Principal –complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director –if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.



The Kenton County School District

Agreement: **Fernside**

2020-2021

The Collaborative Service Agreement between the staff of Kenton County School District and **Fernside** will have the following components:

1. The goal is to facilitate the provision of **short-term grief groups** to students who are referred by the Kenton County School District or its agents and qualify for services.
2. **Fernside** will provide services for students in the school setting or other public location and consult and collaborate with school staff to provide supports for students.
3. **Fernside** will insure compliance with all existing federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the scope of practice of their services and abide by Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
4. **Fernside** will maintain appropriate professional and liability insurance. To the extent not covered and paid by insurance, **Fernside** agrees that he/she will be responsible for any claims, losses, liability, demands and damages, and agrees to hold harmless and/or indemnify from any loss, damage, claim or expense incurred by the KCS D based solely on negligence, errors, or omissions by related to the performance of services conducted by **Fernside** pursuant to this agreement.
5. **Fernside** will provide a list of personnel and their role, who will be working in the Kenton County School District, by the first day of school and updated if changes are made during the term of the agreement.
6. **Fernside** will comply with state regulations which may include background checks, fingerprinting, child abuse and neglect check, etc as required by the Kenton County School District for outside providers working with students in the Kenton County School District. (REG 160.151)
7. **Fernside** will collaborate with the district liaison when appropriate.
8. During the term of this agreement, the Kenton County School District agrees to:
 - provide a safe environment, space, and reasonable accommodations to allow the provision of services during the school day and in the school buildings.
 - Refer students for services using the **Fernside** referral process.
 - Comply with FERPA standards.
 - Provide a district liaison for questions and concerns.
10. The Kenton County School District is not responsible for payment for services provided by **Fernside**
11. The terms of this agreement are valid for one calendar year. It is contingent on approval from the Kenton County Board of Education.
12. The Kenton County Board of Education reserves the right to terminate the agreement at any time, without cause.

Karen Hendrix, Director of Districtwide Programs
Kenton County School District

Date

Fernside

Date

Date approved by KCS D Board of Education: _____



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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

September 2, 2021

In reference to Kenton County School District's Request For Proposal (RFP) which was awarded to North Key Community Care, North Key Community Care releases Kenton County School District (KCS D) from exclusivity in the following circumstance:

- 1) Fernside- Fernside may continue to provide free short-term grief groups to students who are referred by KCS D or its agents and qualify for services per North Key's agreement in this happening.

Dr. Owen Nichols

NorthKey representative (print)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Owen Nichols', written over a horizontal line.

NorthKey representative (signature)

09/02/21

Date

President/CEO

Title

Kenton County Board of Education

Board Members: Carl Wicklund, Chairperson Jesica Jehn, Vice Chairperson Karen Collins Gene Dupin Shannon Herold

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