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Issue Paper

DATE:

08/15/22

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve to contract with Forward Focus Psychological Associates to provide psychological services up to 15 hours per week or as needed when required to comply with state federal guidelines in regards to evaluating students with disabilities.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.1 Legal Status of the Board

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

KCSD has 1 School Psychologist positions posted and at this time no qualified candidates have applied. KCSD has contracted with Forward Focus for multiple years to assist with psychological services such as psychological testing, scoring and interpreting assessment results, report writing, and attend ARCs to review psychological reports and consultation.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

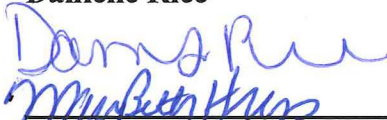
The cost will vary depending on the number of initial evaluations and reevaluations that an ARC determines necessary. The estimated cost for these services is \$40,000 to be taken from IDEA-B Federal Grant.

RECOMMENDATION:


Approval to Contract with Forward Focus Psychological Associates to provide psychological services up to 15 hours per week or as needed when required to comply with state federal guidelines in regards to evaluating students with disabilities.

CONTACT PERSON:

Danielle Rice


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.

CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into on July 25, 2022, by and between the Kenton County School District referred to as the First Party, and Forward Focus Psychological Associates, PLLC, hereafter referred to as the Second Party.

In consideration for the services described below, the First Party agrees to: Reimburse the Second Party \$100.00 an hour for delivered Psychological Services and report writing in the Kenton County School District based upon the provision of services up to 15 hours per week or as needed. Forward Focus Psychological Associates (FFPA) Psychology Staff, including Licensed Clinical Psychologists, Dr. Teresa Garera Izquierdo and Dr. Cary Wallis, and Masters level Pre-Doctoral Psychology Interns who are currently working under the direct supervision of Dr. Teresa Izquierdo from August 2022 through July 2023, hereby agree to provide requested psychological services to the Kenton County School District. Services to be provided by FFPA Psychology staff may include individual psychological testing (i.e. Intellectual/Cognitive testing), distribution of rating scales/documents to be completed by staff/parents/ guardians, testing behavior observations, scoring/interpretation of psychological tests/rating scales, data review, and report preparation/ completion, review of relevant student information via Infinite Campus, preparation of documents as needed for meetings, attendance at ARC meetings, staff and parent consultation, individual counseling, and administrative tasks as requested. While the majority of direct psychological services will take place in the school setting, additional time will be needed for scoring, report preparation/completion, and consultation outside of the school setting and/or school hours and this time will also be covered by the contract and billed accordingly. Documentation of all services provided and time utilized for designated services requested by Kenton County Schools will be submitted by FFPA staff to the Director of Special Education on monthly billing invoices.

The Second Party agrees to provide the First Party with the following services: Deliver Psychological Services for the Kenton County School District based upon the provision of services up to 20 hours per week or as needed. Counseling/Consultation and report interpretation services will also be provided as needed for ARC/Consultation meetings. Dr. Izquierdo will provide supervision of all services provided by Masters' level psychology staff and will be responsible for reviewing test scoring, test interpretation, and report preparation completed by such staff members before submitting such data/information for individual reports, staff consultation/ARC meetings, etc.