

Issue Paper

DATE: 8/26/2022

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky Behavioral Health (CHNK) to provide school-based therapy, substance abuse and/or crisis assessments for students in Kenton County School District (KCSD) during the 2022-2023 school year.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.1: Legal Status of the Board

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

In 21-22, NorthKey was awarded the mental health, substance abuse and/or crisis assessment bid through an RFP for 3 years. NorthKey has agreed to allow CHNK to provide services to KCSD students during the 2022-2023 school year. NorthKey is unable to provide the needed staff to provide the services for certain schools at this time. CHNK has agreed to the conditions outlined in a MOU to provide mental health services for students in the Kenton County School District.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

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CONTACT PERSON:

Karen Hendrix, Director of District Wide Programs,

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.

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The Kenton County School District

Memorandum of Understanding: Mental Health Service Providers 2022-2023

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

- 1. The goal is to facilitate the provision of *mental health counseling for individuals or groups and/or mental health case management services* to students who are referred by the Kenton County School District or its agents and qualify under Medicaid, private insurance and/or fee for service with CHNK.
- 2. CHNK therapists will provide intake and ongoing mental health counseling and/or mental health case management services for students in the school setting and consult and collaborate with school staff to provide supports for students.
- 3. CHNK therapists will be credentialed with their licensure boards and provide copies of licenses as requested.
- 4. CHNK will ensure compliance with all existing federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the scope of practice of mental health professionals.
- 5. CHNK will maintain appropriate professional and liability insurance. To the extent not covered and paid by insurance CHNK 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 KCSD based solely on negligence, errors, or omissions by CHNK related to the performance of services conducted by CHNK pursuant to this agreement.
- 6. CHNK will provide a list of therapists and/or other 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.
- 7. CHNK 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)
- 8. CHNK will only provide services at schools assigned by the Kenton County School District.
- 9. 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.
 - Identify students for mental health counseling services.
 - Assign agencies to schools.

This agency is assigned to the following schools:

- Comply with FERPA standards.
- Provide a district liaison for questions and concerns from providers
- 10. The Kenton County School District is not responsible for payment for services provided by CHNK.
- 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 District Wide Programs	
Kenton County School District	Date
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