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# Issue Paper

**DATE:**

8/19/2022

**AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

Consider/Approve the MOU and its addendum with MEBS, to provide school-based therapy, substance abuse and/or crisis assessments for students at Twenhofel Middle School.

**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 MEBS to provide services to KCS D students during the 2022-2023 school year to Twenhofel Middle School as NorthKey is unable to provide the needed staff to provide the services for these schools at this time. MEBS has agreed to the conditions outlined in a MOU to provide mental health services for students in the Kenton County School District. The Twenhofel Family and Youth Service Center received a GEERS grant to provide school based therapy for students. MEBS has attached an addendum to the standard MOU to address payment of services through GEERS grant funding.

**FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Twenhofel GEERS Grant Funding-Up to \$50,000.00

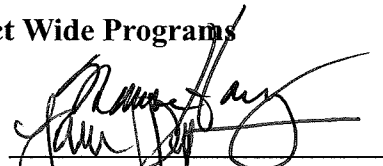
**RECOMMENDATION:**

Consider/Approve the MOU and its addendum with MEBS, to provide school-based therapy, substance abuse and/or crisis assessments for students in the Kenton County School District.

**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.



**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 MEBs 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 MEBs.
2. MEBs 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. MEBs therapists will be credentialed with their licensure boards and provide copies of licenses as requested.
4. MEBs will ensure compliance with all existing federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the scope of practice of mental health professionals.
5. MEBs will maintain appropriate professional and liability insurance. To the extent not covered and paid by insurance MEBs 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 MEBs related to the performance of services conducted by MEBs pursuant to this agreement.
6. MEBs 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. MEBs 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. MEBs 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.
  - 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 MEBs as it's being funded by the GEERS grant through the FRYSCS.
11. The Memorandum of Agreement that MEBs provided will be considered an addendum to this MOU.
12. The terms of this agreement are valid for one calendar year. It is contingent on approval from the Kenton County Board of Education.
13. The Kenton County Board of Education reserves the right to terminate the agreement at any time, without cause.

This agency is assigned to the following schools:

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Karen Hendrix, Director of District Wide Programs  
Kenton County School District

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Date

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MEBs

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Date

Date approved by KCS D Board of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Mebs Counseling and Kenton County Schools Agreement**

Kenton County Schools and Mebs Counseling will be collaborating for mental health services through the 2022-2023 school year.

A list of services as well as the financial agreement discussed is noted below.

## **Service Provision Details:**

- Mebs will provide the mental health services for Twenhofel Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year. Services will be provided to any children identified by the school regardless of insurance or lack thereof.
- These services will be provided by a licensed clinician.
- The Mebs clinician will be at Twenhofel for a total of 18 hours per week and the caseload will not exceed 36 students. These details were based on the number of reported children in need at the school.
- Services may include individual therapy, family support, connecting clients with community resources, group therapy and consultations with school teachers/counselors as needed.
- School counselors will make referrals directly to the Mebs therapist.
- The Mebs therapist will maintain confidential therapeutic records but will report client visits and other interventions as requested by identified school personnel.
- Mebs therapist and school counselors will assess appropriateness of referrals and may discontinue a client if non-compliant or not responding to interventions
- "Reimbursement for services is being funded by the GEERS grant at Twenhofel Middle School as received by the FRYSC's at each of the individual schools. MEBS will charge \$75 per hour for services rendered."

The services will be outlined and invoiced directly to the school on a monthly basis throughout the school year.

It is understood that funding for this contract is provided by a separate entity and is subject to those specific terms and conditions. The contract is subject to termination when this funding has been exhausted.

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Kenton County Representative

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Date

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MEBS Counseling Representative

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