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**THE KENTON COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent

**KCSD ISSUE PAPER**

**DATE:**

5/10/2023

**AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

Consider/Approve Kenton County School District (KCSD) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ellie Mental Health, Meaningful, Emotional, Behavioral Services (MEBs), Cultivate, NorthKey, and the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky (CHNK) to provide school based therapy and associated mental health services and Creative Therapeutic Connections to provide school based therapy for KCSD students in all of our schools during the 2023-2024 school year.

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

01.1 - Legal Status of the Board

**HISTORY/BACKGROUND:**

The KCSD would like to continue the successful partnership with MEBS, NorthKey, Cultivate, and CHNK for the 23-24 school year. To better meet the needs of all students, the KCSD would like to enter into new partnerships with Ellie Mental Health and Creative Therapeutic Connections for the 23-24 school year.

**FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the Kenton County School District (KCSD) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ellie Mental Health, Meaningful, Emotional, Behavioral Services (MEBs), Cultivate, NorthKey, and the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky (CHNK) to provide school based therapy and associated mental health services and Creative Therapeutic Connections to provide school based therapy for KCSD students in all of our schools during the 2023-2024 school year.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Karen Hendrix, Director Districtwide Programs

  
Principal/Administrator

  
District Administrator

  
Superintendent

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## The Kenton County School District

Agreement: **Ellie Mental Health**

2023-2024

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

1. The goal is to facilitate the provision of **school-based therapy and associated services** to students who are referred by the Kenton County School District or its agents and qualify for services.
2. **Ellie Mental Health** 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. **Ellie Mental Health** will ensure 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. **Ellie Mental Health** will maintain appropriate professional and liability insurance. To the extent not covered and paid by insurance, **Ellie Mental Health** 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 **Ellie Mental Health** pursuant to this agreement.
5. **Ellie Mental Health** 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. **Ellie Mental Health** 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. **Ellie Mental Health** 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 **Ellie Mental Health** 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 **Ellie Mental Health**
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.

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

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Ellie Mental Health

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



## The Kenton County School District

Agreement: **MEBS**

2023-2024

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 **school based therapy and associated services** to students who are referred by the Kenton County School District or its agents and qualify for services.
2. **MEBS** 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. **MEBS** will ensure 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. **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 related to the performance of services conducted by **MEBS** pursuant to this agreement.
5. **MEBS** 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. **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)
7. **MEBS** 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 **MEBS** 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 **MEBS**
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.

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

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



**The Kenton County School District**  
**Agreement: Cultivate Behavioral Health**  
**2023-2024**

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

1. The goal is to facilitate the provision of **school-based therapy and associated services** to students who are referred by the Kenton County School District or its agents and qualify for services.
2. **Cultivate Behavioral Health** 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. **Cultivate Behavioral Health** will ensure 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. **Cultivate Behavioral Health** will maintain appropriate professional and liability insurance. To the extent not covered and paid by insurance, **Cultivate Behavioral Health** 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 **Cultivate Behavioral Health** pursuant to this agreement.
5. **Cultivate Behavioral Health** 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. **Cultivate Behavioral Health** 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. **Cultivate Behavioral Health** 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 **Cultivate Behavioral Health** 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 **Cultivate Behavioral Health**
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.

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

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Cultivate Behavioral Health

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



## The Kenton County School District

Agreement: **NorthKey**

2023-2024

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

1. The goal is to facilitate the provision of **school-based therapy and associated services** to students who are referred by the Kenton County School District or its agents and qualify for services.
2. **NorthKey** 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. **NorthKey** will ensure 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. **NorthKey** will maintain appropriate professional and liability insurance. To the extent not covered and paid by insurance, **NorthKey** 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 **NorthKey** pursuant to this agreement.
5. **NorthKey** 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. **NorthKey** 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. **NorthKey** 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 **NorthKey** 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 **NorthKey**
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.

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

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



## The Kenton County School District

### Agreement: **CHNK Behavioral Health**

2023-2024

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

1. The goal is to facilitate the provision of **school-based therapy and associated services** to students who are referred by the Kenton County School District or its agents and qualify for services.
2. **CHNK Behavioral Health** 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. **CHNK Behavioral Health** 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. **CHNK Behavioral Health** will maintain appropriate professional and liability insurance. To the extent not covered and paid by insurance, **CHNK Behavioral Health** 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 **CHNK Behavioral Health** pursuant to this agreement.
5. **CHNK Behavioral Health** 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. **CHNK Behavioral Health** 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. **CHNK Behavioral Health** 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 **CHNK Behavioral Health** 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 **CHNK Behavioral Health**
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.

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

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CHNK Behavioral Health

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



**The Kenton County School District**  
**Agreement: Creative Therapeutic Connections**  
**2023-2024**

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

1. The goal is to facilitate the provision of **school-based therapy** to students who are referred by the Kenton County School District or its agents and qualify for services.
2. **Creative Therapeutic Connections** 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. **Creative Therapeutic Connections** 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. **Creative Therapeutic Connections** will maintain appropriate professional and liability insurance. To the extent not covered and paid by insurance, **Creative Therapeutic Connections** 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 **Creative Therapeutic Connections** pursuant to this agreement.
5. **Creative Therapeutic Connections** 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. **Creative Therapeutic Connections** 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. **Creative Therapeutic Connections** 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 **Creative Therapeutic Connections** 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 **Creative Therapeutic Connections**
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.

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

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