

## Second Mile Behavioral Health, LLC

### *Memorandum of Understanding: School-Based Services 2023-2024*

The Collaborative Service Agreement between staff of Estill County School District/Board of Education and Second Mile Behavioral Health 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 Estill County School District or its agents and qualify under Medicaid.
2. Second Mile Behavioral Health 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 point of contacts (guidance counselors) to provide support for students. This will include any collateral services such as MDs (when appropriate), Department of Child Based Services, and the courts and any additional identified care team members.
3. Second Mile Behavioral Health therapists and/or other personnel will meet the referred client and their guardians in order to determine if the child meets criteria for services in a timely manner.
4. Second Mile Behavioral Health therapists will be credentialed with the licensure boards and provide copies of licenses as requested to the Estill County School District/Board of Education.
5. Second Mile Behavioral Health will ensure compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the scope of practice of mental health professionals.
6. Second Mile Behavioral Health will provide a list of therapists and/or other personnel and their role, who will be working in the Estill County School District, by the first day of school and update if changes are made during the term of the agreement.
7. Second Mile Behavioral Health mental health professionals will wear business attire and a clearly displayed agency identification issued badge while on premises of any Estill County District school.
8. Second Mile Behavioral Health will comply with state regulations which may include background checks, fingerprinting, child abuse and neglect check, etc. as required by the Estill County School District for outside providers working with students in the Estill County School District. (REG 160.151)
9. Second Mile Behavioral health will only provide services at schools assigned by the Estill County School District.
10. Second Mile Behavioral Health will maintain confidentiality according to HIPAA.
11. During the term of this agreement, the Estill County School District agrees to:
  - a. Provide a safe environment, space, and reasonable accommodations to allow the provision of services during the school day and in the school buildings.
  - b. Cooperate in treatment planning and assessment of the effectiveness of therapeutic interventions being utilized.

- c. If the legal guardian either requests or gives school officials permission, therapist will be included when conducting ARC meetings to allow for a comprehensive understanding of the symptomology, ability, and motivation that will assist with effective treatment planning and implementation.
  - d. Provide a direct liaison for questions and concerns from providers.
  - e. Should Estill County School District have any concerns regarding services or a breach in protocol related to a student, either Michelle Smith or Angela Brewer will be contacted as soon as possible in order to allow the concern(s) to be addressed by administration and rectified at (606) 657-5504.
12. The Estill County School District is not responsible for payment of services provided by Second Mile Behavioral Health. The guidance counselor will be notified of any change in therapy such as increase, reduction, or denial by the clients Managed Care Organization (hereafter MCO).
13. Second Mile Behavioral Health will ensure all providers adhere to the "Protocol for Mental Health Providers" developed and implemented by the Estill County Board of Education (copy attached). If the protocol is changed or updated during anytime during this agreement, Estill County Board of Education will provide Second Mile Behavioral Health with the updated version.
14. The terms of this agreement are valid for one calendar year. It is contingent upon approval from the Estill County Board of Education.
15. This agency is assigned to the following schools:

  
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Angela Gabbard, MSN Executive Director

8/17/2023  
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Date

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Estill County Board of Education Representative

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Date