

**Issue Paper** 

## DATE: 4/15/24

## **AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

Consider/Approve The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The Children's Home of Northern Kentucky (CHNK) and the Kenton County School District for KCSD students who receive Partial Hospitalization Services (PHP) during the 2024-2025 school year.

## **APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

01.1 - Legal Status of the Board

## **HISTORY/BACKGROUND:**

The KCSD enters into MOUs with community agencies to provide additional mental health services beyond school based counseling. CHNK provides a PHP at their facility for children with behavioral health issues. Students in the PHP attend the program for 6 hours per day. The MOU between CHNK and the KCSD allows for increased communication between CHNK and the KCSD as allowed by HIPPA. In addition, the KCSD will provide home hospital instruction to children in the PHP as directed by state regulations.

#### **FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:** N/A

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The Children's Home of Northern Kentucky (CHNK) and the Kenton County School District for KCSD students who receive Partial Hospitalization Services (PHP) during the 2024-2025 school year.

## **CONTACT PERSON:**

Karen Hendrix, Director of District Wide Programs

Principal/Administrator

District Administrator

Superintendent

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# <u>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)</u> <u>2024-2025</u> <u>Children's Home of Northern Kentucky/CHNK Behavioral Health</u> <u>and KENTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT</u>

## **Partial Hospitalization Program**

This service agreement represents the intent of <u>Children's Home of Northern</u> <u>Kentucky/CHNK Behavioral Health (CHNK)</u> and <u>KENTON COUNTY SCHOOL</u> <u>DISTRICT</u> to extend its collaboration in providing **Partial Hospitalization Services** through the 2023-2024 academic year. Its purpose is to establish a commitment between provider and school district to identify roles from each party for the provision of services to youth with behavioral health issues.

**Children's Home of Northern Kentucky/CHNK Behavioral Health** will provide a comprehensive assessment, an individualized intervention plan, partial hospitalization services, access to case management services, psychiatric medication management and an aftercare plan.

**Children's Home of Northern Kentucky/CHNK Behavioral Health** will provide a skilled intervention team, comprised of bachelors and master's level staff persons per age group.

**Children's Home of Northern Kentucky/CHNK Behavioral Health**, a licensed Behavioral Health Services Organization, will be able to bill Medicaid and other insurance providers for approved services. This will allow for services to continue at no charge to the schools.

As part of the aftercare planning, the youth and families will have access to additional community-based services, such as intensive outpatient, targeted case management, psychiatry, group therapy and residential treatment. The aftercare plan will be communicated to the home school, and administered in collaboration with them, but within the bounds of HIPAA.

**KENTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT** may offer a list of community resources to families and CHNK Behavioral Health's Partial Hospitalization Program will be listed as an

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option that families may pursue on their own including financial responsibility being that of the family.

Consistent with the requirements of Kentucky law, KENTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT agrees to convene meetings to review parent/student requests for home instruction to facilitate students' receipt of Partial Hospitalization services. Additionally, KENTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT agrees to provide home instruction to their students as required by state regulations. The school may develop an alternative plan to provide education to the student outside of treatment hours that is consistent with their procedures and in accordance with state law.

Either party can cancel or make written request to amend the agreement with a 30 days' notice.

The signatures below confirm the partnership in the provision of Outpatient Services as outlined above.

Signature Date KENTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

> Signature Date Children's Home of Northern Kentucky/CHNK Behavioral Health

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