

**SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MOUNTAIN COMPREHENSIVE CARE CENTER
AND
ROWAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
August 2024 - July 2025**

WHEREAS, the Rowan County Board of Education, (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), realizes that there are children and adolescents who will perform better academically and function better socially at school if counseling services are accessible and available on-site,

WHEREAS, the Board has a strong interest in assuring the success of each student in their charge,

WHEREAS, Mountain Comprehensive Care Center (hereinafter referred to as "MCCC"), has a strong interest in, and capability of providing the clinical treatment and therapeutic support to those children in the Rowan County school system who have need of such services,

IT IS HEREBY AGREED, BY AND BETWEEN THE BOARD AND MCCC:

- A) The Parties will join in a fully collaborative effort to provide mental health services to children in the Rowan County school system through school based mental health services. Specific schools will be identified by mutual agreement based on the
 - expressed need and desire for such services by the school administrator,
 - availability of space and facilities for such services at that school,
 - on-going availability of qualified mental health personnel to provide those services.
- B) A mental health associate (MHA)/Clinician will be on-site at the assigned school as scheduled (per the School-Based Protocol, attached) except on days when there is no school or the individual is off for training or requested leave.
- C) The MHA/clinician will abide by all policies and procedures as established by the Board and each individual school, as well as the policies of Mountain Comprehensive Care.
- D) An initial meeting will be set up between each school principal, the MHA/Clinician, the school counselor, and the Family Resource Director or school designee to discuss a protocol for communication and referral; and to secure/identify facilities necessary for mental health services (e.g. space, phone access, etc)
- E) The Board Will Provide:
 - 1) Administrative encouragement, support and flexibility to those schools and Family Resource Centers who are participating in the School-Based services program including space donated for purposes of mental health contacts at the school.

F) MCCC Will Provide:

- 1) Administrative and clinical supervision, a qualified Mental Health Associate/ Clinician\and any necessary clinical materials, as agreed to in the protocol.
- 2) Payment for all required back ground checks and finger printing for MCCC staff requested by the Board.

Mental health services will be billed according to MCCC agency contracts with Medicaid and the Kentucky Department of Mental Health. Each individual child will be billed on a fee-for-service basis using a third-party payor. No parent or guardian of a Rowan County student will receive a bill from MCCC. The Board will not be billed by MCCC for these school-based mental health services.

Psychological testing is not included in this service array.

All medical records will be maintained at the designated MCCC Office and are the property of MCCC. Access to the medical record by the school can only be made available through a release signed by each child's guardian or a court order.

It is understood that mental health services offered at the school may extend into the summer months when school is out of session only as agreed upon by the school administrator and MCCC.

This contract may be terminated with or without cause with two weeks written notice by either party via certified mail.

Agreed to, this _____ day of _____, 2024

Michael Rowe, Superintendent, Rowan County Board of Education



Promod Bishnoi, President/CEO, Mountain Comprehensive Care Center