

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
Between
PENNYROYAL REGIONAL MH-MR BOARD, INC.
And
CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

This agreement will continue until either party provides written notice to the other at least 30 days in advance of a change to or discontinuance of the agreement.

I. Terms of this MOA are as follows:

- A. The Pennyroyal Center will provide mental health therapy to and consultative services on behalf of students referred by the designee of Christian County Board of Education. Clinical assessment, therapy, and individual or program consultations will be provided by mental health professionals who hold at least a Master's Degree and/or certification in their respective professional disciplines or an intern from a Master's level program working under supervision of at least a Master's level clinician.
- B. These clinical services will typically be provided in the school setting as determined by the School Coordinator in consultation with Pennyroyal Center staff, depending on the particular circumstances.
- C. School Coordinator shall ensure that there is a designated confidential space for Pennyroyal Center staff to provide mental health therapy services.
- D. Parents will be billed for time spent directly with them or the students. Medical cards and self-payers will be the primary sources of payment.
- E. Other services provided such as psychiatric and psychological evaluations, as well as any other outpatient services, will be based upon the usual service Pennyroyal Center fee schedule and will be the responsibility of the client or insurance.
- F. Christian County schools will make a good faith effort to assure that providers are able to meet a minimum number of hours (25 hours per week per provider). This contract will be reviewed periodically to determine if continued services are feasible.

II. Referral Procedures:

- A. These clinical services will be provided throughout the school year on an as-needed basis. The designated school personnel and Pennyroyal Center Staff will meet together to coordinate scheduling. The school coordinator and the Pennyroyal Center will make every attempt to provide the requested number of days or hours for clinical service per school term, as dictated by Pennyroyal Center staff availability and the number of client referrals made. All school referrals for services will come directly through the school personnel designee(s).
- B. Parents must attend the first session to complete necessary paperwork, expecting approximately 1 to 1.5 hours for an initial session. Parents will be contacted by Pennyroyal staff prior to their scheduled appointment time to give the necessary information for services as well as to check on payment issues. Parents are expected to provide proof of insurance, a pay stub or other proof of income if the sliding fee scale is requested. The parents should expect to make a payment on the initial date.

- C. All student referrals will be considered Pennyroyal Center clients. Confidential charts will be maintained at the Center. A release of information will be required for the legal guardian to sign in order for the child to be seen on school grounds.
- D. The clinician will also give notice to the school personnel designee(s) when discontinuing a participant and/or when making any recommendation concerning the participant. Said notice shall not contain confidential information about the treatment of the Client without the Client's, or in the case of a minor, the parent or guardian's prior written consent.
- E. In the Pennyroyal Center's continued effort to approach treatment holistically, we have begun focusing on integrated health to ensure that both the mental and physical health needs of our clients are met. For clients with an identified physical health need and no primary care provider, the Pennyroyal Center's integrated health program aids these clients in connecting to services and provides education on the interconnectedness of physical and mental health concerns. If students are identified who would benefit from this program, school-based therapists may discuss the benefits of a referral to the integrated health program and may make a referral if the parent consents.

III. Collaborative Care Coordination:

- A. Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC) Care Coordination is a comprehensive approach to healthcare delivery where Care Coordinators work with community partners to ensure individuals receive seamless, integrated care across all their health and social service needs. This model emphasizes person-centered care, communication between providers, and coordinated service delivery to improve client outcomes.
- B. Both listed organizations commit to a collaborative partnership to enhance student care through Care Coordination, working together to support optimal client outcomes and collaborating on referrals based on student needs.
- C. Communication between organizations will include open dialogue to support client care, sharing of relevant information as permitted by HIPAA, and flexible communication methods to suit both organizations.
- D. Care Coordination Planning will involve joint development of care strategies when beneficial to students, sharing of insights and recommendations as permitted by federal and state privacy laws, and mutual support in achieving student goals.
- E. Documentation of collaborative activities may be maintained by both partners as appropriate for their respective organizations.

IV. Both the Pennyroyal Center and the Christian County Board of Education agree to the following:

- A. Consulting mental health professionals will be employees of the Pennyroyal Center and will not be considered, or present themselves as, school personnel.
- B. Both parties will comply with the Title VI Civil Rights of 1964 (PLA-352) and part 80 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, so that no person will be excluded from participation in and be denied the benefits of or otherwise subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or natural origin.
- C. This agreement is subject to the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and

the prevailing party in any dispute arising hereunder is entitled to recover its costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

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