Memorandum of Interagency Agreement

Memorandum of Understanding

Moberly Public School District #81
And
University Behavioral Health
14th Judicial Circuit, Office of Juvenile Court Services
University of Missouri - Columbia, on behalf of the Center for Advancement of Mental Health Practices in Schools

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the Moberly Public School District #81 (MPSD), University Behavioral Health, the 14th Judicial Circuit, Office of Juvenile Court Services, and the University of Missouri - Columbia, on behalf of the Center for Advancement of Mental Health Practices in Schools (hereinafter collectively referred to as the Moberly Community Coalition for Children and Families) and is effective as of the date of the appended signatures.

Purpose

The Moberly Community Coalition for Children and Families (Moberly Community Coalition) seeks to improve the linkages among school, mental health, and juvenile justice systems regarding the provision of mental health services to students to increase student access to quality mental health care. As described in this MOU, the Coalition members agree to work together with schools, various local, state, and national initiatives, local entities, and parents and guardians of students to promote mental wellness in students by creating innovative practices that link schools and mental health services.

Scope

The parties agree:

That the Moberly Public School District #81 shall act as the lead agency to assure the terms of the MOU among the parties and other relevant entities within the Moberly Public District #81 and community, in collaboration with local entities and parents and guardians of students in accordance with 554(e) of the ESEA.

That each participating agency will be financially responsible for the services that it will provide as part of this agreement. Agency services available to the Coalition will include:

Moberly Public School District #81 offers to provide school counselors, school nurses, school administrators, Coalition meeting facilitation, training, consultation, and evaluations of referred students.
University Behavioral Health offers to provide community support to eligible youth, crisis services, participation in Coalition meetings, training, consultation, and assessments of referred students.

The 14th Judicial Circuit, Office of Juvenile Court Services offers to provide informal and/or formal processing of referred youth, court services, training, consultation, and participation in Coalition meetings.

The Center for Advancement of Mental Health Practices in Schools offers to provide training, consultation, technical assistance, evaluation, and participation in Coalition meetings.

That each participating agency will be responsible and accountable for the quality and coordination of services that it will provide as part of this agreement.

That any special conditions and terms of reimbursement with and among agencies, authorities, or entities that are parties to the interagency agreement shall be articulated in a separate, specific agreement which shall include procedures for dispute resolution.

That services provided under the grant will be consistent with the six requirements in the absolute priority.

Furthermore, the parties agree:

To enhance, improve, and/or develop collaborative efforts between school-based services systems and mental health service systems to provide, enhance, or improve prevention, diagnosis, and treatment services to students.

To enhance the availability of crisis intervention services, appropriate referrals for students potentially in need of mental health services, and ongoing mental health services.

To provide training for school personnel, mental health professionals, and parents and guardians who will participate in the program and assure that persons providing services under the grant will be adequately trained to provide such services.

To provide technical assistance and consultation to school systems and mental health agencies and families participating in the program.

To provide linguistically appropriate and culturally competent services.

To inform teachers, principal administrators, and other school personnel about the program.
To involve parents of students participating in services under the program in the design and implementation of the services.

To evaluate the effectiveness of the program in increasing student access to quality mental health services, and make recommendations to the Secretary about sustainability of the program.

To develop and implement policies and procedures to ensure appropriate parental or caregiver consent for any planned service, pursuant to state or local laws or requirements.

**Amendment**

This MOU may be amended in writing when signed by all parties. Such amendments shall not become effective until written amendment has been fully executed by all parties.

**Effective Date**

This MOU becomes effective upon the date on which it is fully executed by all parties and shall terminate upon the ending of the Department of Education grant to Integrate Mental Health in Schools unless renewed by all parties.

**Termination**

A. **Termination for Default**: If the Moberly Community Coalition fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement properly and on time, or otherwise violates any provisions of the Agreement, the MPSD may terminate the Agreement by written notice to the agencies of the Moberly Community Coalition. The notice shall specify the acts or omissions relied upon as cause for termination.

B. **Termination for Convenience**: The performance of work under this Agreement may be terminated by the MPSD in accordance with this clause in whole, or from time to time in part, whenever the MPSD shall determine that such termination is in the best interest of the MPSD. It is understood that this Agreement may be terminated for the convenience of the MPSD or for performance by the Moberly Community Coalition deemed by the MPSD to be unsatisfactory, such determination to be within the sole and absolute discretion of the MPSD.

**Agreement Representatives**

The agencies/organizations identified below agree to partner with the lead agency, MPSD, to create the Moberly Community Coalition. The Moberly Community Coalition will work together with schools, various local, state, and national initiatives, local entities, and parents and guardians of students to increase student access to high quality mental health care by developing innovative approaches that link school systems with mental health systems.
Entire Agreement

This MOU embodies the whole agreement of the parties. There are no promises, terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein or incorporated herein by reference.

In support of the Moberly Community Coalition for Children and Families Project we agree to the terms and conditions of this MOU.

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James Koller, Ph. D.        Date
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