## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT Between PENNYROYAL REGIONAL MH-MR BOARD, INC. and HOPKINS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

This agreement is to be effective in the 2016-2017 school year and 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 the Hopkins 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.
- B. These clinical services will typically be provided in the school setting as determine by the School Coordinator in consultation with Pennyroyal Center staff, depending on the particular circumstances.
- C. Parents will be billed for time spent directly with them or the students. Medical cards and self-payors will be the primary sources of payment.
- D. Other services provided such as psychiatric and psychological evaluations, as well as any other outpatient services, will be based upon the usual service fee schedule and will be the responsibility of the client or insurance unless the school authorizes payment.
- E. The Pennyroyal Center will not see a child in an emergency situation unless the legal guardian is present and agrees to sign permission for treatment from the Center. A Center staff member may be used as a consultant to the school regarding an individual student and/or behavioral/mental health issue. However, face-to-face contact with a student will not occur unless the legal guardian is also present. This follows the guidelines onsite at the Pennyroyal Center as well.

## 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.
- B. All school referrals for services will come directly through the school personnel designee(s).
- C. Parents must attend the first session to complete necessary paperwork, expecting approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours for an initial session. Parents are expected to contact the RESPOND Center 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.

- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- III. Both the Pennyroyal Center and the Hopkins 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 as, 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 or race, color, or natural origin.
- C. This agreement will be subject to the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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