

Memorandum of Understanding

This is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Multnomah Educational Service District School Health Services (MESD-SHS) and Multnomah County School Based Health Centers and Early Childhood Services.

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to serve as an operational agreement between the parties MESD-SHS and Multnomah School Based Health Centers, and Early Childhood Services. This agreement shall become effective on the date of the last signature.

2, **Scope:** The principles, agreements and understandings set forth in this memorandum are not **intended** to be contractual, and are not binding on any party and may not serve as the basis of any liability against any of the parties. Legally binding contracts arising from this agreement will be separately executed and signed by the parties.

By signing this MOU, the parties recognize shared efforts to create and maintain coordinated care for children and youth of Multnomah County and agree to the following Vision and Values.

3. **Vision:** A coordinated school health model that is responsive to the whole child and the whole school community.

4. **We value:**

- Culturally responsiveness
- Being inclusive
- Wellness promotion
- Physical and emotional safety
- Shared responsibility
- Evidence-based practice
- Coordinated care

AGREEMENTS

Parties will:

1. Share information to the fullest extent possible, within the parameters of applicable regulations and respect for family privacy
2. Agree to communicate in a timely manner changes in funding and/or program design that impact partner programs or leveraged services
3. Support a culture of collaboration
4. Share responsibility for population health inclusive of wellness promotion, physical and emotional health
5. Make program decisions that will include a health literacy and health equity lense

Accountability:

1. Assure that agencies use evidence-based research to inform practice decisions
2. Supervisors will meet quarterly
3. SBHC site staff will meet with building nurse at least quarterly (*topics to be included in meeting agenda*)
4. A SBHC representative will attend MESD Nurse Partnerships meeting at least once per school year
5. A process will be used to communicate timely and relevant information for shared clients
6. Regularly review service delivery alignments to ensure a comprehensive, seamless, and efficient service continuum
7. Identify gaps and unnecessary duplication of services
8. Shared client health outcomes will be communicated between referring parties
9. Parties are inter-dependent to achieve optimal health outcomes for students e.g. immunizations, communicable disease management, high risk clients, acute and chronic illnesses.

Problem Solving:

Parties will:

1. Support a process of collaborative problem solving
2. Resolve issues at the lowest level possible
3. Define a process for addressing conflict
4. Unresolved conflict will be directed to the supervisory staff

Term: This agreement will be reviewed annually

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