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**Date:** December 17, 2024

**To:** Aaron Albaugh, Chairman  
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Barbara Longo, Agency Director  
Health & Social Services Agency

**Subject:** Memorandum of Understanding between Lassen County Health and Social Services and Lassen County Office of Education for the Grant Agreement #24MHSOAC041 in the amount of \$800,000 for the term of November 1, 2024, through December 31, 2027, to explore opportunities for Universal Screening.

**Background:**

This MOU is to define the partnership and roles for the Grant Agreement #24MHSOAC041 part of a total award of \$25 million in grant funding Round 4 under the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA). The overall Purpose if this MOU is to explore opportunities for Universal Screening to better understand and respond to the unique and nuanced needs of students, with a focus on school districts in a socioeconomically disadvantaged region.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This is revenue and expenditure for budget/fund 110/7510.

**Action Requested:**

1) Approve the Memorandum of Understanding; and 2) Authorize the County Administrative Officer or Designee to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

**2024 /2025 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
LASSEN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION,  
AND  
LASSEN COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) are Lassen County Office of Education (“LCOE”) and Lassen County Health and Human Services (“Lassen County Behavioral Health Department”).

**I. PROGRAM: Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA)**

**Whereas**, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) awarded the Lassen County Behavioral Health a Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) grant in the amount of \$800,000.00; and

**Whereas**, Lassen County Office of Education has the desire and the expertise to provide the services below and

**Whereas**, Lassen County Behavioral Health desires to be the grantee and Lassen County Office of Education to be sub-recipient;

**Resolved**, the parties agree that Lassen County Office of Education will be responsible for coordination of the Sustainability deliverables.

**II. General Description:**

The Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) provides grants for partnerships between county mental health agencies and local education agencies to deliver school-based mental health services to young people and their families. These partnerships support outreach to identify early signs of unmet mental health needs, reduce stigma and discrimination, and prevent unmet mental health needs from becoming severe and disabling.

This grant is part of a total award of \$25 million in grant funding Round 4 under the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA). This is a competitive-bid grant following a Request for Applications (RFA) released in May-June 2024 as RFA MHSSA 004, Addendum 2.

There are four Categories of funding under MHSSA Round 4 for specific services designed to support the previous three rounds. The Categories are: 1) Marginalized and Vulnerable Youth, 2) Universal Screening, 3) Sustainability, and 4) Other Priorities. This grant was awarded under Category 2: Universal Screen.

The overall Purpose of this Agreement is to explore opportunities for Universal Screening to better understand and respond to the unique and nuanced needs of students, with a focus on school districts in a socioeconomically disadvantaged region. The results of Grantee’s work under this Agreement may be scaled statewide.

**a. Targeted Population:**

1. Lassen County students and families within the Districts K-12

**b. Expected Outcomes:**

1. Preventing mental health challenges from becoming severe and disabling

2. Improving timely access to services for underserved populations
3. Providing outreach to promote recognition of early signs of potentially severe and disabling mental health challenges
4. Mental health stigma reduction
5. Preventing negative outcomes in targeted populations

**III. Lassen County Behavioral Health shall:**

- a. Provide fiscal services and oversight responsibilities for the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) Grant and receive a 2% Indirect payment quarterly for services rendered.

**IV. Lassen County Office of Education shall:**

- a. Conduct check-ins with the Commission staff to discuss performance.
- b. Provide oversight of the Universal Screening Grant.
- c. Develop and implement a Universal Screening Plan.
- d. Submit data reports to MHSOAC.
- e. Submit total program expenditures (aggregate) on a quarterly basis to MHSOAC.
- f. Monitor and submit Progress Reports, Annual Fiscal Reports and a Final Report.
- g. Receive a 8% Indirect payment quarterly for fiscal services.

**V. Collaborative responsibilities:**

- a. Meet on a minimum of a quarterly basis to discuss program implementation, progress, and evaluation of services.
- b. Quarterly meetings with the Commission staff.
- c. Discuss and resolve difference as they arise.

**VI. Funding:**

- a. Lassen County Behavioral Health will reimburse Lassen County Office of Education up to the grant amount for the costs incurred for services as listed in the MHSSA grant budget.
- b. Submit total program expenditures (aggregate) on a quarterly basis to Lassen County Behavioral Health.

**Indemnity:**

Each of the parties hereto shall be liable for the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of its employees, contractors, or volunteers, including, but not limited to, that caused by active or passive negligence of its employees, contractors, or volunteers, occurring during the performance of this MOU, and, if any party becomes solely liable for damages caused by its employees, contractors, or volunteers, it shall pay such damages without contribution by the other parties. Each party hereto agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless the other parties, their officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims and losses, including attorney's fees, proximately caused by the party's negligent or wrongful acts or omissions.

**Terms of Agreement:**

- a. The term of this Agreement shall commence November 1, 2024 and shall end on December 31, 2027 or until modified or terminated by consensus of the parties, whichever occurs first. This agreement is dependent on federal, state, and county funding, which may be beyond the control of the parties to this agreement. The agreement may be terminated by any party provided 60 days written notice of termination. The agreement must be reviewed and updated annually.

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Lassen County Behavioral Health

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Lassen County Office of Education

Approved as to Form  
OCT 29 2024  
Lassen County Counsel