

**Memorandum of Understanding
for
Child/Youth Counseling

Concrete School District
and
Compass Health**

Concrete School District and **Compass Health** enter into this Memorandum of Understanding for Youth Counseling for students in the Concrete School District. It is the intent of both parties that services will begin when training is completed. This MOU will designate who will perform and/or be responsible for Child/Youth Counseling Services between Compass Health and Concrete School District.

Program Description

Child/Youth counseling services will be provided to eligible students of the Concrete School District, according to the needs of the participants. Funding for the service will be through contracts between the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (NSBHO), Skagit County, and Compass Health. A master's level mental health clinician will work at the Concrete school(s) four (4) days per week, at days/times mutually agreed upon between the parties. The clinician will treat children and youth who have mental health needs who meet the state Access to Care Criteria. In the event that the individual's mental health needs include psychiatric evaluation and medication management, such services may be provided at Compass Health's Mount Vernon office.

Concrete School District

- School District will provide, free of charge, a furnished office with a phone for lock down notification, desk and chairs for the clinician in the school to conduct counseling sessions with students. The office will be a confidential space for use of the clinician while on site, but need not be for the exclusive use of the clinician on days when clinician is not on-site.
- School District staff will refer children and youth who they believe need mental health services.
- School District staff will assist in the process of completing a referral packet, with sufficient information for Compass Health to initiate the intake. For youth under the age of 13, this includes gaining parent/guardian signatures on the Consent to Treatment and Financial Agreement.
- School District staff will coordinate with teachers and clinician to assure mental health assessment and appointments do not conflict with instruction and classroom activities.
- School District will work to ensure that student referrals for mental health services are adequate to fill the clinician's time.
- School District will work with Compass Health to ensure continued access to students during the summer months, including providing space for services within the district.

Compass Health

- Compass Health will provide a masters level clinician to work with children and youth in the School District four (4) days per week.
- Compass Health will provide "ready packets" for the School District with necessary materials for making referrals.
- Compass Health clinician will determine the appropriate funding source based on information gathered at referral and intake, and will be responsible for all billing.
- Compass Health clinician will provide individual counseling to children and youth and consultation to staff as needed. Family therapy will be offered if clinically indicated. If it is determined there is sufficient need for group treatment, groups services may be provided, if space is available.
- Compass Health will provide universal "Tier 1" supports (SEL/Prevention Programs; teacher trainings) as feasible. Will interface with school personnel by engaging in practices such as meeting with and consulting with school staff, coordinating, being part of the school community, etc.

- Compass Health will provide a lap top computer, cell phone and a locked filing cabinet for use by the clinician.
- Compass Health clinician will work the months that school is in session, and may continue to provide counseling sessions to students at the School District during the summer months at a schedule mutually agreeable to the District and Compass.
- Compass Health clinician will attend staff meetings at the school as appropriate, given that it is work hours and the necessary releases have been completed.
- Compass Health clinician will not work at the School District during official Compass Health holidays. School holidays that occur on Compass Health work days will be addressed by mutual agreement; clinician may work from a Compass office, may take benefit leave, or other agreed upon strategies.

Information Exchange and Confidentiality

Release of information between Concrete School District and Compass Health will be requested of the students. Regulations regarding confidentiality between Compass Health and the School District will be followed to the fullest. Both Compass and the School District agree to hold all individually identifiable client health information that may be shared, transferred, transmitted, or otherwise obtained for this agreement strictly confidential, and provide all reasonable protections to prevent the unauthorized use or disclosure of such information, including, but not limited to the protection afforded by federal, state and local laws and/or regulations regarding security and confidentiality of patient healthcare information (PHI). Both parties further agree to make every reasonable effort to comply with any regulations, standards, or rules pursuant to the authority of the HIPAA or the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 or its successor.


Program Services

Any change in program needs will be worked out mutually between Concrete School District and Compass Health. Child/Youth counseling services may not be available if the Compass Health staff person assigned is taking benefit time (i.e. sick or vacation). If service availability becomes problematic, then this issue will be worked out between the Compass Health Director and Concrete School District Superintendent or designee.

Problem Solving

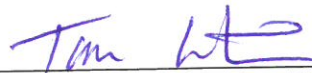
Problem Solving will occur at the lowest level possible between Concrete School District and Compass Health. A problem will work up the hierarchy of each organization as needed to resolve any issue which may arise between both organizations.

Both **Concrete School District** and **Compass Health** may terminate this agreement upon **thirty (30)** days written notice.



 Wayne Barrett, Superintendent
Concrete School District

11-30-17
 Date



 Tom Sebastian, President/CEO
Compass Health

12/15/17
 Date