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Harrisburg School District 1010 N 7th St, Harrisburg, PA 17102

Memorandum of Understanding Between UPMC Nurse-Family Partnership and Harrisburg School District

UPMC Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is pleased to present this letter as a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining our shared commitment to supporting expecting and parenting students within the Harrisburg School District (HSD).

Purpose: Establish a collaborative relationship between UPMC Nurse-Family Partnership and Harrisburg School District to identify, refer, and support expecting students as they enroll in NFP and continue their education. Together, we seek to promote healthy pregnancies, positive parenting, and strong educational outcomes.

Goals of the Partnership: Through this collaboration, NFP and HSD will work together to:

- Identify and refer eligible expecting students to NFP as early as possible during their pregnancy.
- Provide students with coordinated support that encourages academic persistence and healthy family development.
- Reduce barriers that may prevent expecting or parenting students from completing their education.
- Strengthen students' self-efficacy, independence, and long-term economic stability.
- Maintain communication between NFP and HSD, contingent upon appropriate student consent that is in compliance with the confidentiality provisions as noted below, to ensure continuity of care.

Roles and Responsibilities

UPMC Nurse-Family Partnership agrees to:

- Provide evidence-based nurse home-visiting services to eligible first-time expecting students.
- Offer individualized support focused on maternal health, child development, setting, and self-sufficiency.
- Communicate with designated HSD staff, contingent upon student consent that is in compliance with the confidentiality provisions as noted below.
- Participate in joint meetings or support planning as needed.
- Provide informational materials for school staff, students, and families.

Harrisburg School District agrees to:

- Identify and refer eligible expecting students to NFP.
- Provide space for NFP outreach, presentations, or student meetings when appropriate.
- Support students' academic engagement through accommodation or district resources. The district retains sole discretion as to appropriate accommodations and/or resources to be provided to students.
- Collaborate with NFP staff to coordinate services, with student consent.
- Ensure relevant staff are aware of the partnership and referral process.

Confidentiality: Both parties will fully comply with all applicable federal and state privacy laws, including, but not limited to The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Information will only be shared between the parties upon written consent from the student and/or in compliance with HIPAA, FERPA and/or any other applicable privacy law or regulation.

Further, no information shall be shared with a third party without express written consent that is in full compliance with the requirements of this paragraph.

Term and Termination: The agreement will remain in effect for two (2) consecutive years from the date signed. However, either party may terminate at any time upon written notice of termination.

Non-Binding Agreement: This MOU reflects the intentions of both organizations to collaborate in good faith. It is not a legally binding contract and does not create financial obligations unless otherwise agreed upon in writing. The services described herein are provided to students at no cost to HSD.

No Employment Relationship This MOU does not create any employment relationship between NFP and HSD. NFP and/or its employees shall have no authority to act on behalf of HSD, to enter any contractual relationship on behalf of HSD or to otherwise bind HSD in any other manner.

Mutual Indemnification Each party shall indemnify, defend, protect, hold harmless, and release the other, its officers, agents, and employees, from and against any and all claims, losses, proceedings, damages, causes of action, liability, costs, or expenses (including attorneys' fees and witness costs) arising from or in connection with, or caused by any act, omission, or negligence of such indemnifying party or its agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors, or invitees. However, under no circumstances either directly or through indemnity will HSD liability exceed its liability under the Political Subdivision Torts Claim Act. HSD expressly does not waive the protections available under the Political Subdivision Torts Claim Act.

Applicable Law: This MOU shall be governed by the law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Entire Agreement: This Agreement represents the entire and integrated understanding between the parties and supersedes all other prior and contemporaneous negotiations, representation, or agreements, whether written or oral with respect to the subject matter hereof.

Points of Contact: We look forward to working together to support the health, education, and long-term success of expecting and parenting students in the Harrisburg School District. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or to discuss next steps.

Sincerely,

For UPMC Nurse-Family Partnership

Susan MacIsaac

Name Title UPMC Nurse-Family Partnership

Date: 6/4/2020

For Harrisburg School District

Name Title Harrisburg School District

Date: _____

