School-Based Therapy Agreement

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between *Regenerate Counseling Solutions PLLC* ("Regenerate"), an Illinois professional limited liability company, and the *Board of Education of United Township High School District 30 ("UTHS")*, an Illinois Public School District, collectively referred to as the "Parties."

I. Background

- A. UTHS students and staff benefit from the provision of mental health therapy and services.
- B. Samantha Swanson is a licensed clinical professional counselor and is an experienced practitioner in providing school-based clinical therapy services to students and staff.
- C. Regenerate is agreeable to providing such services to UTHS on the terms and conditions set out in this agreement.

In consideration of the matters described above and set forth in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows:

II. Terms

- 1. <u>Services:</u> Regenerate shall provide therapy services ("Services") to be offered at UTHS by a Regenerate licensed mental health counselor ("Regenerate counselor") three and 1/2 days a week for the duration of the 2025-2026 school year. Services will include an intake, mental health assessment, individual counseling, group counseling, family counseling, treatment plans, discharge report, collaboration with school personnel, supervision of practicum and intern students, and other resources as needed. The Services will also include any other tasks which the Parties may agree on. The Contractor hereby agrees to provide such Services to the Client. Referrals for Services will be made to the Regenerate counselor from the UTHS guidance counselors, social workers, and other school staff, as appropriate.
 - a. The scheduled days for the 2025-2026 school year are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and $\frac{1}{2}$ day Friday, during regular school hours/student attendance days.
 - b. Hours will be 8am-3:15pm with some earlier and/or later appointment times depending on the needs of the students and families (e.g. psycho-education groups that are ran before/after school hours, family sessions, school events).
 - c. The Regenerate counselor will have nine (9) benefit days to

- use, as needed. This will not impact the fees paid by UTHS pursuant to Paragraph 2 of this Agreement. These days may be used in 1/2 day increments.
- d. The Regenerate counselor may carry a full-time caseload, or 26 cases, depending on the intensity and level of treatment needed for each youth. Included in the full-time case load is psycho-education groups, the availability to speak in classrooms, and provide counseling services to school staff where there is a need.
- e. The Regenerate counselor may attend staff meetings requested by the building principal and/or district superintendent when held on the counselor's scheduled days.
- f. Clinical judgement will remain with the Regenerate counselor to determine the necessity of services outside of the approved or evolving school year calendar, to include the providing of services during scheduled holidays/breaks. Work necessary outside the approved district calendar which is for the benefit of UTHS' stated expectation will be conducted by Regenerate as determined necessary to provide services in full.
- g. Regenerate will inform the client of schedule changes, vacation, sick leave or bereavement in as much advance as is possible. Suspension of therapeutic services by contractor will be at Regenerate's discretion, in consultation with UTHS, and will commence upon Regenerate's return.
- 2. Fees and Payment. For the Services, UTHS will pay to Regenerate \$6,000 per month (July 2025 through June 2026). Regenerate shall provide accurate and timely invoices to UTHS on a monthly basis. Regenerate will not be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in connection with providing Services under this Agreement. Payments shall be made by check issued to Regenerate Counseling Solutions, PLLC with a remittance address of 126 W Exchange St. Cambridge, IL 61238. Regenerate certifies that the payments made pursuant to this Agreement shall be used only for the specific purposes of school-based therapy services authorized by UTHS.
- 3. <u>Term and Termination.</u> The Term of the Agreement shall be July 1, 2025 June 30, 2026 ("Term"). If the Parties wish to extend or renew the Term, they shall do so in writing.
 - a. This Agreement may be terminated prior to the expiration date of the Term if Regenerate fails to deliver counseling services to UTHS students or is otherwise in breach of this Agreement. Regenerate may also terminate if it believes UTHS has materially breached this agreement. Written notice will be delivered by the

non-breaching party to the breaching party 30 days in advance of terminating the Agreement with an opportunity to cure unless the health or safety of students is involved and then UTHS may terminate the Agreement immediately.

- b. This agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties.
- c. In the event the Agreement is terminated prior to the end of the Term, UTHS will no longer be required to pay for the Services under this Agreement and shall not be held liable to Regenerate, any other entity and/or individual, for any claim, damages or losses arising, directly or indirectly, out of this Agreement or from any other cause. Upon termination, except as otherwise provided by this Agreement, the obligations of Regenerate will terminate upon the termination of this Agreement.
- 4. <u>Location of Service Provision.</u> The Services shall be provided by Regenerate at UTHS. Sessions may be held via Regenerate's HIPAA complaint telehealth platform (Therapy Notes) in the event a student has chosen virtual learnings, the student cannot attend school on campus, and/ or the UTHS moves to virtual learning at any point during the school year.
 - a. UTHS shall provide Regenerate a private meeting office with key, internet access, access to Skyward, phone access, an email address within the UTHS domain, and key fob for building access.
 - b. In the event Regenerate damages UTHS property, Regenerate shall, at Regenerate's sole cost, restore the property or any surrounding area. The restoration shall be to a condition at least equivalent to the condition of the affected area immediately before the destruction or damage. If Regenerate does not repair the damage within 14 days after receiving written notice from UTHS, or a lesser time if UTHS determines the damage creates an emergency, UTHS may repair the damage and Regenerate shall reimburse UTHS for the costs UTHS incurs within 14 days after UTHS provides a written invoice to Regenerate.
- 5. <u>Parental Consent.</u> Prior to Regenerate providing Services for a student, a release of information form will need to be signed by the student, as well as the parent/guardian of the student if under the age of 18. The release of information forms can be completed electronically via Therapy Notes.
- 6. <u>Criminal Background Check.</u> Regenerate shall not send to any school building or school property any employee or agent who would be prohibited from being employed by UTHS due to a conviction of a crime listed in 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9 or who is listed in the Illinois Sex Offender

- Registry or the Illinois Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry. Regenerate shall make every Regenerate counselor who will be sent to any school building or school property available to UTHS for the purpose of submitting to a fingerprint-based criminal history records check pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9. The check shall occur before any Regenerate counselor is sent to any school building or school property. Regenerate will reimburse UTHS for the costs of the checks. Additionally, at least quarterly, Regenerate shall confirm that no employee or agent is listed on the Illinois Sex Offender Registry or the Illinois Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry.
- 7. Student Records; Confidentiality. Regenerate and its counselors and any persons handling records on its behalf shall comply with all applicable provisions of federal and state laws and regulations, including without limitation the Illinois School Student Records Act, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) in their current and amended forms and all corresponding regulations. All records shall be the sole property of UTHS and shall be maintained at UTHS's location in accordance with all applicable State and federal laws and regulations. Copies as necessary and to the extent permitted by law shall be made available to Regenerate as required for the furtherance of providing Services and as required for all public health reporting.
- 8. FOIA. As an independent contractor of UTHS, records in the possession of Regenerate related to this Agreement may be subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 ILCS 140/5-1 et seq.; 5 ILCS 140/7(2). Regenerate, at Regenerate's cost, shall immediately provide UTHS with any such records requested by UTHS in order to timely respond to any FOIA request received by UTHS. UTHS will review all such records to determine whether FOIA exemptions apply before disclosing the records, such that information properly exempt as proprietary or prohibited from release by other laws or exempt for other reasons will not be released. If Regenerate refuses to provide a record that is the subject of a FOIA request to UTHS and the Attorney General or a court of competent jurisdiction subsequently requires the release of the record or penalizes UTHS in any way, Regenerate shall reimburse UTHS for all costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred by UTHS related to the FOIA request and records at issue.
- 9. <u>Indemnification</u>. To the fullest extent allowed by law, Regenerate agrees to reimburse defense costs, indemnify, and hold harmless UTHS, its Board, and employees, from and against all injuries, loss, causes of action, claims, liability, damages, or judgments, including costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees, to the extent arising from (1) Regenerate's or the

Regenerate counselor's negligent acts and/or errors and/or omissions in the performance of the services; (2) Regenerate's breach of the Agreement; or (3) Regenerate's violation of law. The indemnification obligation set forth in this Paragraph shall not be limited by the amount of any insurance maintained by Regenerate, or by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts.

10. <u>Insurance.</u> During the term of this Agreement, Regenerate, at its sole cost and expense, and for the benefit of UTHS, shall carry and maintain the insurance as set forth in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

III. Miscellaneous

- 1. <u>Entire Agreement.</u> This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties related to the provision of the Services.
- Amendments/Assignments. No amendment or modification to this
 Agreement shall be effective unless and until the amendment or
 modification is in writing and signed by the Parties. Regenerate cannot
 assign its rights or responsibilities under this Agreement to another party
 without the prior written consent of UTHS.
- 3. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Agreement shall be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to conflict of law principles. Jurisdiction and venue for all disputes hereunder shall be the Circuit Court located in Rock Island, Illinois, or the federal district court for the Northern District of Illinois.
- 4. Notice. All notices given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and may be hand delivered or shall be deemed received within five (5) business days after mailing if sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. If any notice is sent by facsimile, confirmation copies must be sent by U.S. Mail or hand delivery to the specified address. All notices sent to Regenerate will be mailed to 126 W Exchange St. Cambridge, IL. 61238. Notices to UTHS must be sent to 1275 Avenue of the Cities, East Moline, IL 61244, Attn: Superintendent. Either party may from time to time change its Notice Address by written notice to the other party.
- 5. Force Majeure. Neither party shall be liable in damages or have the right to terminate this Agreement for any delay or default in performing hereunder if such delay or default is caused by conditions beyond its control including, but not limited to Acts of God, Government restrictions (including the denial or cancellation of any export or other necessary license), wars, insurrections, strikes or other work stoppages, and/or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the party whose performance is affected.

- 6. <u>Severability.</u> If any provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal, unenforceable or in conflict with the law of any jurisdiction, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby
- 7. Relationship of the Parties. UTHS and Regenerate are independent legal entities. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create the relationship of employer and employee, principal and agent, or any relationship other than that of independent parties contracting with each other solely for carrying out the terms of this Agreement. UTHS is not required to pay or make any contributions to, any social security, local, state or federal tax, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, insurance premium, profit-sharing, pension or any other employee benefit for Regenerate during the Term. Regenerate is responsible for paying, and complying with reporting requirements for all local, state and federal taxes related to payments made to Regenerate under this Agreement.
- 8. <u>No Exclusivity.</u> The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement is non-exclusive and that either Party will be free, during and after the Term, to engage or contract with third parties for the provision of services similar to the Services.
- 9. <u>Waiver.</u> The waiver of any provision herein shall not be deemed a waiver of any other provision herein, nor shall waiver of any breach of this Agreement be construed as a continuing waiver of other breaches of the same or other provisions of this Agreement.
- 10. <u>Effective Date.</u> The Agreement shall be deemed dated and become effective on the date the last of the Parties signs as set forth below the signature of their duly authorized representatives.
- 11. By signing below, the Regenerate Counseling Solutions, PLLC representative acknowledges that she has read and understands the terms in this contract and agrees to comply with the requirements reflected herein.

Intending to be bound, the undersigned, being authorized parties, confirm their acceptance of this Agreement by signing below.

UTHS:	Regenerate:
Date:	Date:

EXHIBIT A

Insurance Certificate