

Browning Public Schools
Board Agenda Request
Meeting to Be Held: 4/9/2024



Recognition:	<input type="checkbox"/> Students	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Parents
Information:	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Superintendent's Report
Action:	<input type="checkbox"/> Resignation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hiring	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Service Agreements
	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel Out-of-State	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel In State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approvals
	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Matters	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
This action request pertains to	<input type="checkbox"/> Elementary (only)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High School/District Wide	

Date: 4/3/2024

To: Browning School Board

From: Corrina Guardipee-Hall
Title: Superintendent

Subject: **CSA: Tele-Mental Health Services 2024-2025**

Description: Contract Service Agreement to provide Tele-Mental Health services for 2024-2025 year. Contractor will provide at their own cost: Professional Liability insurance, Tribal Business License, State Business License, Yearly renewal of professional licenses, Subscription to Simple Practice, Online service that provides confidential scheduling, Client portal, Confidential Tele-Mental Health, and Third-party billing. The cost to the district will be \$2,000.00 per month for twelve months, to be renegotiated at the end of the fiscal year. The parties recognize this is a base salary, which covers one week of expenses for 20 clients a week or five clients a month. The three weeks or additional clients will be billed via a third party; ex. Medicaid or private insurance.

Financial Impact: \$24,000.00 (\$2,000 per month for 12 months)

Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.): 126 / 226.50.150.2143.330 BMS; 126 / 226.60.160.2143.330

Attachment(s): Letter of Services Provided / Tele-Mental Health Services Proposal

Approval: Superintendent's Office/Finance/Personnel as applicable (Initial) _____

Comments: _____

Board Action: N/A (Info) Approved Denied Tabled to: _____

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Dear Honorable School Board Member and Superintendent Ms. Guardipee-Hall:

It has been rewarding, impactful, and very successful serving our students, for another year, as their Tele-Health Therapist. I am pleased to report that, again, in many ways, it has provided even more benefits and access than in-person counseling.

By continuing to connect with teenagers through their primary form of communication, their phones, I was able to use this as a therapeutic tool in the following ways:

- To find and connect with students through text, messenger, or email when most needed or if they have missed their appointment and/or need to reschedule.
- To provide the flexibility to schedule their appointments at the time that works best for them and to accommodate tests, finals, recruiters, sports, and demands on their time. This has led to a higher rate of connections and positive communication and a lower rate of missed appointments.
- To provide therapy after normal school day hours and be available on weekends and holidays if needed and/or for emergencies.
- To improve our ability to better serve our students in outlying communities and virtual learners.

It has also improved my ability to connect with those that do, and can play, a critical role in the life of our students:

- Parents and Guardians.
- Staff in need of support.
- Coordinate with and provide guidance, resources, and supervision to others in the mental health care community.

Because of my commitment and desire to provide quality therapy to the district, I have billed at a flat rate of \$2000

per month and not per session. I am not charging for meetings with families, school counselors, weekends, emergency visits, overhead, travel, or other expenses. In addition, I schedule clients over holidays and summer break, to maintain support. This is financially advantageous to the district.

An additional benefit that I was surprised by is the number of clients I continue to provide services to after graduation. This ability to continue therapy after students graduate is because this board and superintendent had the foresight to support telehealth for their students. The telehealth format allows for a seamless transition. Thank you.

It would be a privilege to continue working with all of you who serve on the Board, the Browning School district staff, and our community to continue to support and improve the lives of our students. With that goal, I would request that you renew my contract for July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss expanding my contract if you would like to increase access to more students or other schools.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

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