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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT: Approval of Grant Criteria for the USDOE Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems Grant

The Michigan Department of Education applied for and was awarded a competitive grant from the United States Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, titled: Grants for the Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems. The Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs Unit received this competitive grant in August 2007, with program activity running for 18 months from October 2007 through March 2009.

During the presentation on Child and Adolescent Health Centers at the August State Board of Education meeting, the purpose of this grant proposal was described. This grant will allow the Department the opportunity to focus on and strategically develop both a partnership structure through system changes at the state and local levels, and access to a formalized network of community mental health service providers with a well-defined referral and follow-up procedure.

The Michigan Department of Education will administer special project negotiated grants to support collaborative activities and projects that enhance the Department's ability to service the mental health needs of Michigan students. Project grants will be distributed through the negotiated process to partner agencies with expertise in school health and health care systems, mental health systems, school-based/school-linked health systems, and the health care billing system. These activities were all approved by the USDOE when they awarded the Department the funds.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Grant Criteria for the USDOE Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 24, 2007.

Attachment

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**Criteria for United States Department of Education
Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems Grant**

The State Board of Education has adopted as its Strategic Goal "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal.

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

The Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems Grant supports the State Board Policy on Coordinated School Health Programs to Support Academic Achievement and Healthy Schools, September 2003. Coordinated school health is composed of eight components of which mental health is one of the integral parts, housed within Counseling, Psychological, and Social Services. The work completed from this grant will allow local and state-level groups to work concurrently on addressing mental health issues and services delivery to students in schools within a coordinated school health program.

This grant supports the State Board Strategic Goal through the improvement of mental health services for youth facing critical issues, allowing them to be mentally and physically healthy and ready to learn. When fundamental needs are met, such as mental and physical health, students have an increased chance at positive school interactions and higher academic success.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT

Competitive Formula New Continuation (*check all that apply*)

The Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems Grant was written to allow MDE the opportunity to focus on and strategically develop both a partnership structure through system changes at the state and local levels, and access to a formalized network of community mental health providers with a well-defined referral and follow-up procedure. The ultimate goal of this project has been designed to accomplish the following: (1) development of a model policy on student mental health service integration; (2) increased linkages that build capacity around mental health services for students through the work of three pilot sites within local school systems; and (3) increased awareness of mental health needs and referrals through the delivery of technical assistance, professional development, and trainings for teachers, school personnel, parents/caregivers, youth, and mental health workers through school-based health centers.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved: New Grant

Defined in Legislation Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder Proposed by staff

As defined in MDE's approved grant proposal, awards will be provided to:

- Enhance, improve, and develop collaborative efforts between school-based service systems and mental health service systems to enhance and improve mental health prevention, diagnosis, and treatment services to students.
Enhance the availability of crisis intervention services and appropriate referrals for students potentially in need of immediate, and on-going mental health services.
Provide training for school personnel and mental health professionals who will participate in the program.
Provide technical assistance and consultation to school systems and mental health agencies and families participating in the program.
Collaborate with MDE, Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), and Michigan Department of Human Services (MDHS) to convene a state-level workgroup with appropriate partner organizations to develop recommendations to improve student access to mental health services.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

Eligible applicants, as outlined in MDE's approved grant proposal for these funds, are the Michigan Primary Care Association and the School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan.

Along with agreeing to meet the requirements and goals laid out by the grant, these recipients will work with local school districts on their integration and continuum of mental health services provided to ultimately improve the lives and educational experience by Michigan high school students.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$284,333

LEGISLATION

United States Department of Education—Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools; Grants for the Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems; *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.215M*

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