



Office of the Director

MEMORANDUM

To: Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 School Behavioral Health Community Based Organizations

From: Barbara J. Bazron, Ph. D. 
Director

cc: Charneta Scott
Project Manager

Date: July 11, 2019

Re: Review of the Financial Model

The School-Based Behavioral Health Expansion Model was launched during School Year 2019 in 52 District of Columbia Public and Public Charter Schools. Community-based organizations were provided funding to support the delivery of a multi-tiered school-based program which included prevention, early intervention and treatment services and supports.

At the Coordinating Council on June 17, 2019, several members expressed concerns regarding the funding formula was inadequate to support the delivery of services. We are interested in understanding the financial feasibility of the current cost model being utilized to support this service. We are requesting that you provide the Council with information regarding the actual cost of delivering the full range of services required under your grant with the Department of Behavioral Health. This information will be used to decide if any adjustments should be considered to ensure the delivery of high quality care to our children and their families.

As you may recall, the funding formula was based upon provider input and included the following:

- \$45,000 to support 50 percent of the cost of each clinician assigned to a school. These funds were allocated to support the delivery of non-billable prevention and early intervention services.
- \$8,667 partially support the cost of a supervisor for each clinician.

- Medicaid and/or third party reimbursements was the planned source of funding for the remaining 50 percent of the cost of delivering the required range of services.

Based upon your early experience with this model, please respond to the following questions on the attachment provided:

1. How many schools are you serving?
2. How much money did you receive through your grant?
3. What is the current salary and fringe benefits cost of the clinicians you hired for the program? How many clinicians do you have on board? What is their level of licensure?
4. What is the current cost of a supervisor for this program? What is their level of licensure?
5. What is the ratio of supervisor to clinician in your program?
6. When did you start delivering services within your school(s)?
7. How many children, youth and families on your caseload received treatment services?
8. How much revenue did you receive for services rendered by the assigned clinician?
9. Have you generated any additional revenue as a result of the provision of specialty and/or evidence-based services provided by other members of your organization to the child/youth and/or family members?
10. List the actual expenditures for materials and supplies for Tier 1 and Tier 2 prevention and early intervention services.

Please submit your response to Dr. Charneta Scott, Project Manager at 202-654-6175 or Charneta.scott@dc.gov on or before July 23, 2019.

Thank you for your time and commitment to providing high quality services to the students attending our Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 schools. Together, we will assist our youth in moving towards the pathway to the middle class.