

# MHSSA PARTNERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date: November 15, 2021 | Time: 1:30 to 2:30 | Location: Zoom**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aaron Carter – Mendocino County Office of Education             | <input type="checkbox"/> John Goldhardt – Manchester School District                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alice Hawley – Eel River Charter School                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joy Beeler – Mendocino County BHRS                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Becky Walker – Fort Bragg Unified School District               | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Lovato – Mendocino County BHRS (Alternate)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Carine – Fort Bragg Unified School District             | <input type="checkbox"/> Kim Kern – Mendocino County Office of Education                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charlene Bredder – Willits Elementary Charter School | <input type="checkbox"/> Kristi McCullough – River Oak Charter School                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matilda O’Neill – Mendocino County BHRS              | <input type="checkbox"/> Louise Simson – Anderson Valley Unified School District          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gina Danner – Special Education Local Plan Areas                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nanette Barker – Mendocino County Office of Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nichole O’Dell – Potter Valley Cmty. School Dist.               | <input type="checkbox"/> Natalie Shepard – Tapestry Family Services                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Iverson – Ukiah Unified School District        | <input type="checkbox"/> Natasha Carter – Mendocino County Office of Education            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joanie Potter – Laytonville Unified School District  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tina Wilson – Eel River Charter School                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cecelia Gillespie – Mendocino County Youth Project   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tony Christensen – Tapestry Family Services                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joe Aldridge – Willits Unified School District                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Pantaleon – Redwood Community Services         |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Nicole Johns – Tapestry Family Services                          |

|    | Discussion Item-provider   | Action/Next Steps/Who  | Complete Date |
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| 1. | <b>Greetings:</b><br><i>Introductions</i><br>No new introductions  |  |               |
| 2. | <b>Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes:</b><br><i>The minutes of September 20, 2021 Partnership and October 18, 2021 Forum will be reviewed, corrected, if necessary and approved</i>   | Nanette motioned to approve. Jason seconded approval of minutes. Minutes are approved. |               |
| 3. | <b>Review of October 18, 2021 Forum:</b><br><i>Discussion of forum, what worked well, what can be improved, which months should we consider hosting a forum in 2022</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joy expressed happy at new attendees and new questions and insights re: referrals and how the program is working. Joy asked the group if the steering committee versus the forum is confusing.</li> <li>• Cecelia expressed that she is very new and feels she is still learning which is the right place to discuss which issues. Wondering about provider meetings, which we have not held in a few months.</li> <li>• Nanette appreciated that there is an update at every forum explaining what it is and its purpose.</li> <li>• Joy wondered about releasing info in a newsletter type letter at the beginning at every school year.</li> </ul> |  |               |

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|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charlene mentioned that she sends a newsletter every couple of months and some directors do every month and perhaps an additional informational document could go out with those. Suggests good to be personalized to specific school site. Suggest Joy send to Aaron Carter.</li> <li>• Joy wants an idea of what month people would like to see the forums for next year so she can set the calendar. Must do two a year according to contract.</li> <li>• Amanda and Nanette thinks May and August/September would be the best structure as it is mostly reaching providers and is a good timeframe to reach interested school staff.</li> <li>• Joy will present draft calendars at December meeting.</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| <p><b>4.</b></p> | <p><b>Countywide Staffing Shortages:</b><br/> <i>Discussion of affect on MHSSA program, ideas and strategies on how to address shortage - steps MHSSA can take</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joy wonders if anyone has any ideas regarding this. At the forum there was discussion of a meeting to address this.</li> <li>• Joanie is wondering if County has any leverage in recruiting people.</li> <li>• Joy mentioned there is discussion about job fairs at the college and County.</li> <li>• Amanda talked about the levels of necessary credentialing being hard to come by in rural areas.</li> <li>• Cecelia wonders if MHSSA could send letter to schools in region about the program for anyone seeking internships.</li> <li>• Housing is brought up as a key issue for recruiting people.</li> <li>• Charlene wondered if people are looking at training programs for people who already live here and have bachelor's "grow our own experts"</li> </ul> |  |  |
| <p><b>5.</b></p> | <p><b>Referral Process:</b><br/> <i>Discussion of what is working well, strategies to improve process, and navigate student relationships</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joy wondered if there is any additional input on the process. Nanette wants to know how many students can be seen with this grant as an assessment of the limitations of it.</li> <li>• Cecelia praises Nanette's warm hand-off style.</li> <li>• Nanette suspects even if were at full capacity whether they would be able to meet everyone needs.</li> <li>• Amanda suggest might be better to have a pool of people in the event children change schools. Talks about a shared location or central place to have discussions about people who need services, though stresses that staffing is still a major challenge for this.</li> <li>• Consensus is that the current process works well so far.</li> </ul>  |  |  |

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|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joy confirms need to work on staffing shortages to speed up the referral process.</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| 6. | <p><b>Ongoing Professional Development:</b><br/> <i>Upcoming opportunities in suicide prevention, mental health awareness, trauma informed practices etc</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County has no trainings to reports</li> <li>MCOE has a Youth First Aid training on Dec 15 from 9-2, Adult First Aid training on Dec 8 8:30-2:30. Will send Joy the flyers.</li> <li>Nanette just taught to Saturday ones to youth groups working with Latinx in Sonoma County and saw high numbers—high schoolers and young adults, as well as EMT and firefighter students.</li> </ul> |  |  |
| 7. | <p><b>Next meeting:</b> December 13, 2021: 1:30 – 2:30 PM</p>   |  |  |

