

Continuation of Interagency Agreement with The School Board of Broward County, Florida, The Florida Department of Children and Families, ChildNet, Inc., CareerSource Broward, The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, and The Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Continuation of Summary Explanation and Background

This Agreement was expanded in 2011 to specifically include The Department of Juvenile Justice and The Agency for Persons with Disabilities to effectively address the educational needs of dependency care students involved in multiple systems of care. This Agreement is further being expanded to include the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition, the managing entity in Broward County for mental health and substance abuse.

Broward Behavioral Health Coalition will enter into this agreement as an additional agency as the local managing entity which oversees the state-funded mental health and substance abuse services through subcontracted providers in Broward County including EBD youth through the federal SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) System of Care grant through Broward County Human Services.

During the 2015-2016 school year, the Agreement was reviewed for renewal beginning in May 2015 over a series of Interagency Agreement Committee meetings including representatives of all agencies and SBBC's General Counsel. In April 2017 through September 2017, General Counsel once again reviewed the suggested contract language revision and over several meetings and correspondence reviewed in a distinctly detailed manner the legally sufficient language to insure the protection of student's personally identifiable information. In July 2017 through September 2017, as a result of the revised State Agreement template, the contract language was further amended to ensure that all services related to the care and education of dependency care children enrolled in Broward County Public Schools was reflected and reviewed to be legally sufficient by all parties, including BBHC.

The District shall provide student information as per statute and rule and as defined by this Agreement. The intent of all the parties is the increase in educational and child welfare service equity for dependency care students.

These timeline specific occurrences resulted in the delay of the Agreement being presented to the School Board for approval.

There is no financial impact to the District.