



**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA REQUEST**

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Mark McCauley, Interim County Administrator

FROM: Apple Martine, Director
Denise Banker, Community Health Director

DATE: January 10, 2022

SUBJECT: Agenda Item - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with First Step Family Support Center; Upon signature - until terminated

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Jefferson County Public Health requests approval of a MOU with First Step Family Support Center in Port Angeles, WA. First Step Family Support Center will host one Nurse Family Partnership Nurse Home Visitor in its agency. Jefferson County Public Health will provide office space for Parents as Teachers (PAT) visits on an available/as needed basis; Upon signature - until terminated

ANALYSIS/STRATEGIC GOALS/PRO'S and CON'S:

The purpose of this MOU is for Jefferson County Public Health to utilize First Step Family Support's referral and outreach system by employing an NFP RN in Port Angeles; and for First Step Family Support Center to utilize Jefferson County Public Health's referral and outreach system for the PAT program. Along with providing physical space First Step Family Support Center and Jefferson County Public Health will collaborate in reaching out to local Physicians, Midwives and families with information about the NFP program and the PAT program in an effort to reach and recruit eligible pregnant women to both programs.

FISCAL IMPACT/COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

There is no exchange of money associated with this agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

JCPH Management recommends BOCC signature of the MOU with First Step Family Support Center to house one Registered Nurse for Jefferson County Public Health Nurse Family Partnership program; Jefferson County Public Health to provide office space for PAT services on an available/as needed basis; Upon signature - until terminated

REVIEWED BY:

Mark McCauley, Interim County Administrator

Date

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Memorandum of Understanding

First Step Family Support Center and Jefferson County Public Health

Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) and First Step Family Support Center (FSFSC) both provide health education and prevention based services for families in Jefferson and Clallam Counties. The collaboration therein seeks to better serve low- income families with young children through:

- JCPH Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program and
- FSFSC Parents as Teachers (PAT) program

NFP focuses on families with their first child from pregnancy to their child's second birthday. FSFSC's PAT program will enroll families anytime between pregnancy and their child's 2nd birthday and focus on families with more than one child and families that do not meet NFP enrollment criteria. This MOU represents the two agencies collaboration on client referrals and recruitment and establishing and sharing common enrollment pathways. This MOU represents First Steps Family Support Center's willingness to host one Nurse Family Partnership Nurse Home Visitor in their agency upon hire, and Jefferson County Public Health's willingness to provide office space for PAT visits on an available/as needed basis.

First Step Family Support Center will:

- Host/house one NFP RN at our facility, located at 323 E. 6th St. Port Angeles, WA. This RN will be employed by Jefferson County Public Health, trained by Jefferson County Public Health, and supervised by Jefferson County Public Health
- Utilize First Step Family Support's current referral and outreach systems for identifying and referring first-time pregnant ($\leq$ 28 weeks gestational age) women to this NFP RN for NFP services
- Collaborate with Jefferson County Public Health in reaching out to local Physicians, Midwives and families with information about the NFP program in an effort to reach and recruit eligible pregnant women to the NFP program
- Provide a desk, access to a copier, scanner, fax machine, access to a refrigerator and microwave, a key to the building, and access to internet services
- Provide parking at First Step Family Support for the NFP RN
- Collaborate with JCPH Family Health Services Program, which includes NFP, WIC, MSS/ICM programs, in identifying and referring program eligible families with young children between the ages of 0-3 to FSFSC Parents as Teachers (PAT) program in Jefferson County
- Invite and include JCPH NFP staff at Maternity Support Services case conference meetings.
- There will be no duplication of NFP and PAT services; families will be enrolled in only one program at a time

Jefferson County Public Health will:

- Provide liability coverage for the JCPH employee
- Provide a computer and printer (laptop or desktop, monitor, keyboard and mouse)
- Provide a cell phone and cell phone service
- Provide a two drawer file cabinet and office supplies such as pens, pencils, white out, note books, etc.
- Provide an office chair that meets the needs of the JCPH employee
- Provide all supplies and equipment necessary for the NFP RN to participate in meetings/trainings/webinars onsite
- Provide all supervision, required by the NFP model for fidelity, to the NFP RN
- Provide reimbursement to First Step Family Support Center for copier charges incurred monthly via invoice to JCPH
- Provide mileage reimbursement and all accompanying vehicle support to JCPH employee for attending home visits, meetings and trainings authorized by the NFP supervisor
- Collaborate with FSFSC in identifying and referring program eligible families with young children between the ages of 0-3 to FSFSC Parents as Teachers (PAT) program in Jefferson County
- Invite and include FSFSC PAT staff at Maternity Support Services case conference meetings.
- There will be no duplication of NFP and PAT services; families will be enrolled in only one program at a time
- Provide pre-arranged office space for PAT visits as rooms are available and needed at JCPH.

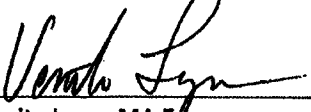
Shared Responsibilities include:

Both agencies agree that there will be no charge to the other agency for these services, except for copies made by JCPH staff. Both parties agree to be responsible for the negligent acts or omissions of its own employees, officers, or agents in the performance of this Agreement. The designated contact person for First Step Family Support will be the current executive director and the designated person for contact with Jefferson County Public Health will be Denise Banker, Community Health Division Director.

Terms:

This Agreement is effective upon hire of the new Nurse Family Partnership RN (Jefferson County Public Health's employee) in 2021, and will continue year to year thereafter. This Agreement will be reviewed no later than two years from its effective date, or earlier upon request.

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Heidi Eisenhour
Chair, Jefferson County Board of Commissioners

Date

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SEAL:

ATTEST:

Carolyn Galloway DATE
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form only:



Philip C. Hunsucker DATE
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

January 4, 2021