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From: Roxanne Maher
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 2:38 PM
To: Town Council Group; Fred Allyn, III
Cc: Roxanne Maher
Subject: FW: Mental Health - Ledyard Youth Services and Ledyard Public Schools (SBHC)

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Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 2:37 PM
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Hi Roxanne,

Could you please send this thread to the whole Town Council and Mayor Allyn. YSS works with the entire family if need be, children not part of school system, or who want care and not to be seen in school getting this care. Please reconsider not to hire a licensed professional to YSS to replace the person who just resigned. These funds of \$190,000 for three years were allocated and voted on wisely by our Finance/Town Council to use for Mental Health for YSS through ARPA funds and should not be eliminated. We should be replacing the person (licensed professional) who just resigned. The need is still great. These are my thoughts and only my thoughts.

Respectfully,

NaomiRodriguez

From: Jay Hartling <jhartling@ledyard.net>

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 8:50 PM

To: Karen Goetchius <nurse.director@ledyardct.org>

Cc: Andrew Konesky <KoneskyA@childandfamilyagency.org>; Anna Goddard <GoddardA@childandfamilyagency.org>; Courtney Seely <SeelyC@childandfamilyagency.org>; Erin Saylor <SaylorE@childandfamilyagency.org>; Jodi Davis <jdavis@ledyard.net>; Tanya Pegnataro <PegnataroT@childandfamilyagency.org>; Vijay Sikand <vjsikand@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Questions

Karen,

Please include me on these types of emails. I have said emphatically that SBHC and their services are enhancements for our students.

With skyrocketing mental health needs in our children I'm disappointed the Youth Services Supervisor would think we would not need the additional services that the town council provided through ARPA. If this notion is being shared widely please let me know so I can correct the record.

Thanks, Jay

On Tue, Aug 15, 2023 at 5:46 PM Anna Goddard <GoddardA@childandfamilyagency.org> wrote:

Hi Karen -

We can discuss some of these items below on the 21st - but I wanted to quickly reach out re: replacing existing school services w/ a SBHC. The SBHC should not replace any school health, school nursing, school social workers, school counselors, etc. While I do not know specifically what services the Youth Family Services provided for your district, it is one of the most common misconceptions that schools should replace existing social workers or school nurses with w/an SBHC - we work in conjunction and collaboration with the school health staff. I am going to invite and loop in Courtney Seeley here to speak to that.

re: Basics - we can talk about that and the referral process on Monday.

re: transportation to LHS - will go over w/ "basics" but once licensed, the other sites can make an appointment to be seen at the LHS w/ centralized scheduling.

re: telehealth referrals - this will be the last to be implemented for medical and for BH I can go over some of this with you when we meet.

re: timeline> We first need the space fully ready/prepared (and our team has not yet been able to move equipment etc into the LHS designated space) > Then we apply for DPH licensing for an outpatient clinic with the state > then we are issued a vaccine license > then we can start seeing clients in a licensed SBHC for medical. The BH timeline looks a little different and we can review that together at the first meeting as an overview but the BH team will also be meeting with the Ledyard staff at different sites as well. I can reach out to their team on putting some FAQs together for your school nursing staff as well.

Best-
Anna

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From: Karen Goetchius <nurse.director@ledyardct.org>

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 10:36 AM

To: Anna Goddard <GoddardA@childandfamilyagency.org>

Subject: Questions

Our social worker recently hired with ARPA funds resigned. The Youth Services supervisor mentioned we may not need to hire depending on the behavior services you supply. Other questions, were the basics; referral process, transportation to LHS, telehealth referrals see you next week.

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