## MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE ALLOCATION PLAN CHECKLIST Due August 1, 2019

### Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan (s. 1011.62(16)(a) and (b), F.S.)

Delivers evidence-based, mental health assessment, diagnosis, intervention, treatment and recovery, through a multi-tiered system of supports.

Focuses on evidence-based mental health services for students with one or more co-occurring mental health or substance abuse diagnoses and students at high risk of such diagnoses.

Includes direct employment of school-based mental health services providers (i.e., school psychologists, school social workers, school counselors and other licensed mental health professionals) to reduce staff-to-student ratios and meet student mental health assistance needs.

Identifies strategies to increase the amount of time student services personnel spend providing direct mental health services (e.g., review and revision of staffing allocations based on school or student mental health assistance needs ).

Includes contracts or interagency agreements with local behavioral health providers or Community Action Team services to provide behavioral health services on or off the school campus (plan must specify the type of services that are provided in the agreement).

States how the plan will establishes school board policies and procedures that ensure for all schools, including charter schools, to ensure:

- 1. Students referred for a mental health screening are assessed within 15 days of referral;
- 2. School-based mental health services are initiated within 15 days of identification and assessment; and
- Community-based mental health services for students are initiated within 30 days of referral.

Describes process for coordinating mental health services with a student's primary mental health care provider and other mental health providers involved in the student's care.

Identifies strategies or programs to reduce the likelihood of at-risk students developing social, emotional or behavioral problems; depression; anxiety disorders; suicidal tendencies; or substance abuse disorders.

Describes the process for coordinating mental health services for students at charter schools that are part of the school district's plan.

#### Identifies strategies to:

- 1. Improve the early identification of social, emotional or behavioral problems or substance abuse disorders;
- 2. Improve the provision of early intervention services; and
- 3. Assist students dealing with trauma and violence

## Expenditures (s. 1011.62(16), F.S.)

Number of school-based mental health providers funded by the allocation and licensure/certification for each.

Number of community-based mental health providers funded by the allocation and licensure for each.

School district expenditures for services provided by contract-based collaborative efforts or partnerships with community mental health program agencies or providers.

Other expenditures (specify type and amount).

### Expenditure Assurances (s. 1011.62(16), F.S.)

One hundred percent of state funds are used to expand school-based mental health care; train educators and other school staff in detecting and responding to mental health issues; and connect children, youth and families with appropriate behavioral health services.

Mental health assistance allocation funds do not supplant other funding sources OR increase salaries or provide staff bonuses.

Describes how district will maximize use of other sources of funding to provide school-based mental health services (e.g., Medicaid reimbursement, third-party payments and grants).

# Program Implementation and Outcomes (s. 1011.62(16)(d), F.S.)

Identifies the number and ratios of FDOE-certified or licensed, school-based mental health services providers employed by the district (i.e., school psychologists, school social workers, school counselors and other mental health services providers by licensure type).

Includes system for tracking the number of students at high risk for mental health or co-occurring substance abuse disorders who received mental health screenings or assessments; number of students referred to school-based mental health services providers; number of students referred to community-based mental health services providers; number of students who received school-based interventions, services or assistance; and number of students who received community-based interventions, services or assistance.

## Plan Approval and Submission (s. 1011.62(16)(c), F.S.)

Local school board approved the district plan.

Date of Approval:

Approved plan was submitted to the Commissioner of Education by August 1, 2019 (attached).