

To: Anne Donahue, Michael Schirling
Cc: William Lippert, Lori Houghton, and others
From: Sarah Squirrell
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020

Subject: RE: placeholder language - SYNOPSIS AND REPORTS ATTACHED

Good morning,

I hope everyone is doing well. Commissioner Schirling has articulated the funding challenges that would impact DPS should funding be moved to DMH. DMH supports the funding flowing through DPS for purposes of funding the expansion of the Mental Health Outreach Program across the state. DMH and DPS will have a MOU that articulates the collaborative partnership in implementation and ongoing quality review. The MOU could also articulate ongoing outreach and engagement of stakeholders, peers and individuals with lived experience. The clinical oversight and supervision of clinicians and social workers will be held by the Designated Community Mental Health Agencies. This funding model is similar to model we have for school based mental health service where local schools contract with our DA's to have schools based clinicians working in public schools. The provision of funding through DPS underscore DPS's commitment to the modernization of public safety as well as significant buy-in on behalf of public safety which will enhance successful implementation and future efforts.

Thank you,
Sarah

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