

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Bluefield State College
And
Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center

WHEREAS, Bluefield State College and Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center have come together to collaborate with Empowering Appalachian Families of Mercer County, as Bluefield State College applies for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant HHS-2019-ACF-ACYF-CA-1559.

WHEREAS, the partners listed below have agreed to enter a collaborative agreement in which Bluefield State College will be the lead agency and named applicant and will be noted in the application proposal as a collaborative member of Empowering Appalachian Families; and

WHEREAS, the partners herein desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the services to be provided by the collaborative; and,

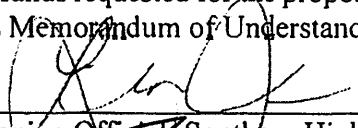
WHEREAS the mission of Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center is “Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center inspires and nurtures human potential in our community through service, advocacy, and education.”

Bluefield State College, through its Minority Institutes and service to the Mercer County community, has a long history of collaborating with agencies on behalf of the families and individuals in Mercer County. Bluefield State College will share ongoing collaboration with Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center_ to support the Empowering Appalachian Families of Mercer County project.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between Bluefield State College and Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center as follows:

- Share data applicable to the primary and subordinate goals of the grant proposal and the Empowering Appalachian Families of Mercer County project;
- Assign member(s) to attend all meetings of the Empowering Appalachian Families of Mercer County collaborative and applicable subcommittee meetings to maintain consistent communication with the project.
- Consistently assess barriers and challenges to community-based and integrated family support services specific to Mercer County;
- Provide community mental health services and substance abuse services;
- Participate in cross-training and celebrations of EAF’s wraparound successes;
- Utilize a single-entry referral process;

The roles and responsibilities described above are contingent upon Bluefield State College receiving funds requested for the proposed project described in the grant proposal. Responsibilities under this Memorandum of Understanding would coincide with the project period.

By: 

Signing Official: Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center

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Signing Official: Dr. Ted Lewis, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Bluefield State College