

**GOODHUE COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (GCHHS)**



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

Requested Board Date:	June 17, 2025	Staff Lead:	Kris Johnson
Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Attachments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Action Requested:	Approve Contracts with Goodhue County Education District (GCED) for community-based services from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.		

BACKGROUND:

Goodhue County Health and Human Services (GCHHS) and Goodhue County Education District (GCED) continue to have an important working agreement in place to benefit the children, families and communities in Goodhue County. Each time when this contract is renewed, the contract is carefully reviewed, and updated as needed together by GCHHS and GCED to better meet the needs, and continually improve the collaborative work.

For many years, one important part of this collaboration has been the shared social work position to provide early childhood services to families in Goodhue County. This position has allowed GCHHS and GCED to collaborate to serve families when their children have a newly identified developmental concern when those issues are most responsive to intervention.

RECOMMENDATION: GCHHS Department recommends approval as requested.

Goodhue County Health and Human Service Professional Service Agreement
With Goodhue County Education District

Goodhue County Education District(s)(GCED) (#252, #253, #256, #813, #2172, #2805) located at 395 Guernsey Lane, Red Wing, MN 55066, hereafter referred to as the “Agency” and

Goodhue County Health & Human Services, 426 West Avenue, Red Wing, Minnesota 55066 hereafter referred to as the “Contractor” enter into this agreement for the period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

This contract may be extended by written agreement between the Agency and the Contractor.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Contractor is an organization licensed by the Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Department of Health to provide **Case Management and Supportive Family Based Services;**

WHEREAS, the Contractor and the Agency agree to participate in providing Interagency coordinated services and programs for children; and

WHEREAS, it is to the Contractor’s and the Agency’s best interest, the community’s benefit, and the enhancement of Children’s Mental Health to provide a clinical and family based component in order for children with disabilities to satisfactorily progress emotionally, socially and educationally; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is required to provide mental health services in accordance with the Comprehensive Mental Health Act; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual understandings and agreements set forth, the Agency and the Contractor agree as follows:

1. **Agency and Contractor Duties:**

The Goodhue County Education District agrees to provide funding towards these collaborative services and the contractor agrees to furnish the following:

1.	<u>Child General Case Management - 193X</u>	<u>\$229,679.00</u>
2.	<u>Child Rule 79 Case Management - 490X</u>	<u>\$107,161.00</u>
3.	<u>Family Based Counseling—162X</u>	<u>\$64,297.00</u>
4.	<u>Family Group Decision Making—166X</u>	<u>\$10,716.00</u>

Agency agrees to provide the facility, including appropriate space for the provision of mental health including the services for children/families enrolled in the program. The classrooms and other facilities in which students receive instruction, related services and supplemental aids and services shall be essentially equivalent to regular education programming, shall provide an atmosphere conducive to learning, and shall meet student’s special physical, sensory, and emotional needs.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED, by and between the Contractor and the Agency, the conditions of the contract as follows:

- a. Provide direct individual, group and family services to qualified students with disabilities in the Goodhue County Education District. The IEP/IFSP of these qualified students with disabilities contains documentation of the need for the services.
- b. Provide direct services to the parents (guardians) and families of the Interagency County Education District Program children through parent education, case management, crisis planning and intervention, and mental health consultation.

- c. Serve as support liaison between home, school, and community agencies. Case managers and social workers will participate in an interagency committee related to children in the Education District school child study team meetings on children served. In addition to providing general clinical input, the case managers and social workers will complete evaluations and make recommendations for program placement transition.
- d. Ensure that the mental health professional shall participate on an interagency County Education District committee to consider the special needs and develop appropriate services for each student.
- e. Provide mental health consultation to special education staff, regular education staff, school administrators, and other Agency personnel as appropriate.
- f. The Contractor will employ social worker to provide services to children with school attendance concerns. All County social workers must pass the State Merit System exam and be "certified" by Minnesota Merit System for County hire. Personnel may also hold licenses from Board of Teaching, Commissioner of MDE or Board of Social Work.
- g. A Mental Health Practitioner Social Workers/Family Therapist/Consultant will be subcontracted through the contractor for the length of this contract.
- h. Direct service will be provided according to student's IEP/IFSP each day school is in session, including the regular school year, extended school year and beyond. The student's IEP/IFSP will document need for services, including need for extended school year.
- i. Schedule flexibility will be allowed so that evening parent education and family services may be provided and the mental health component can be integrated and coordinated with the education component.
- j. Services will consist of program development and implementation, including case management diagnostic assessments, crisis planning and intervention, treatment planning, individual and group counseling, parent education, family counseling, consultation, team meetings, report writing, and meeting other applicable policies and procedures of the Contractor and the Agency. The process of providing a service offered through this contractual agreement will be done as an IEP/IFSP team decision function and not solely by a decision of a district or Contractor.
- k. Direct clinical time and direct administrative supervision will be provided by the Contractor staff.

2. Cost and Delivery of Purchased Services

- a. The total amount to be paid to the Contractor for the Purchased Services shall not exceed **\$411,853.00**
- b. It is understood and agreed that in the event the reimbursement to the Contractor and/or the County from State and Federal sources is not obtained and continued at a level sufficient to allow for the purchase of the indicated quantity of Purchased Services, the obligations for each party hereunder shall thereupon be modified or terminated; notification by the party seeking modification/termination must be served on all parties at least 60 days prior to proposed action.
- c. The Director of Special Education for Goodhue County Education District and the Director of Goodhue County Health & Human Services shall be responsible for oversight of the contracted services when such services are being submitted for reimbursement for special education aids.

3. Eligibility for Services

Eligibility for services under this contract shall be:

- a. All children must have legal residence in Goodhue County as per MN Statute 120A.22.
- b. All children must be identified as disabled according to Minnesota Department of Education regulations and be in need of special education services.
- c. All children determined to be eligible for the Setting IV must be at least three (3) years old but less than twenty-one (21) years old.
- d. The Contractor and the Agency shall secure, and then share:
 - 1. Joint release of information.
 - 2. Assessment report (child).
 - 3. ISP, IEP.

4. Parent Conference/Periodic Review(s) Reports.

Written reports shall contain documentation of student progress toward ISP, IEP Goals/Objectives.

- e. The Contractor shall follow established written due process procedures for terminating services to a client. The Agency shall be notified in 30 days.

4. Payment for Purchased Services

The Contractor will invoice the Agency in July of each year for the previous SFY.

The Agency shall reimburse the Contractor 100 percent of the billed costs for the provision of the services in item 1 within 60 days of receipt of the bill.

5. Audit and Record Disclosures

- a. Allow Director of the Contractor and the Minnesota Department of Human Services access to the Agency's facility records at regular office hours to exercise their responsibility to monitor Purchased services.
- b. Records pertaining to the contract at the Contractor's Offices and the Agency's offices for three years for audit purposes.

6. Safeguard of Client Information

The use or disclosure by any party of information concerning an eligible client in violation of any rule of confidentiality provided for in the MN Data Practices Act, HIPAA or FERPA, or for any purpose not directly connected with the Contractor and the Agency responsibility with respect to the Purchased Services hereunder is prohibited except on written consent of such eligible client, the client's attorney or the client's responsible parent or guardian.

7. Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Right Non-Discrimination

The Contractor agrees to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII (42 USC 2000e); including Executive Order No. 11246, and Title VI (42 USC 2000d); and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by Section 504; Minnesota Statutes, section 363A.02; and all applicable federal and state laws, rules regulations and orders prohibiting discrimination in employment, facilities and services. The Contractor shall not discriminate in employment, facilities, and in the rendering of Purchased Services hereunder on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, public assistance status, creed, or national origin.

8. Fair Hearing and Grievance Procedures

Contractor agrees to provide for a fair hearing and grievance procedure in conformance with Minnesota Statute; section 256.045, and in conjunction with the Fair Hearing and Grievance Procedures established by administrative rules of the State Department of Human Services and administrative rules of the Department of Education.

9. Bonding, Indemnify, Insurance and Audit Clause

- a. Bonding: Contractor shall obtain and maintain at all times, during the term of this agreement, a fidelity bond covering the activity of its personnel authorized to receive or distribute monies, in an amount not less than 1/6 of the not to exceed total in 2.a.

- b. Indemnify: Contractor agrees that it will, at all times, indemnify and hold harmless the Agency from

any and all liability, loss, damages, costs of expenses which may be claimed against the Contractor:

1. By reason of any service client's suffering personal injury, death, or property loss, or damages either while participating in or receiving services from the Contractor under this agreement, or
2. By reason of the service client's causing injury to, or damage to, the property of another Person during any time when the Contractor or his assigns, or employee thereof, has undertaken or is furnishing the care and service called for under this agreement.

c. Insurance: The Contractor further agrees, in order to protect itself and the Agency under the indemnity provisions set forth above, to at all times during the term of this contract, have and keep in force a liability insurance policy of not less than \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000.

d. Audit: The Contractor agrees that within 60 days after the termination date of this contract, an audit of said records will be conducted by a Certified Public Accounting firm, with a copy of same available to the Agency upon request.

10. Conditions of the Parties' Obligations

a. Before the termination date specified in Section 1 of this agreement, the Contractor and the Agency may evaluate the performance of this agreement to determine whether such performance merits reviewal of this agreement.

b. Any alterations, variations, modifications, or waivers of provisions of this agreement shall be valid only when they have been submitted in writing, duly signed, and attached to the original of this agreement.

c. No claim for services furnished by the Contractor, not specifically provided in this agreement, will be allowed by the Agency.

11. Subcontracting

The Contractor and the Agency may enter into subcontracts for any of the goods and services contemplated under this agreement without prior written notification. All subcontracts shall be subject to the requirements of this contract. The Contractor and the Agency shall be responsible for the performance of any subcontractor retained by that party in performance of its duties under this contract.

12. Miscellaneous

Entire Agreement: It is understood and agreed that the entire agreement of the parties is contained herein and that this agreement supersedes all oral agreements and negotiations between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof, as well as any previous agreements presently in effect between the Contractor and the Agency relating to the subject matter hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREEOF, the Contractor and the Agency have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

APPROVED BY:

By: _____
Agency: GCED Board Chair Date _____

By: _____
Agency: GCED Director Date _____

By: _____
Contractor: GCHHS Board Chair Date _____

By: _____
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By: _____
Goodhue County Attorney Date _____

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WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, The Contractor is an organization certified by the Minnesota Department of Education to provide **Educational Assistance setting IV Special Education Services**;

WHEREAS, the Contractor and the Agency agree to participate in providing Interagency coordinated services and programs for children; and

WHEREAS, it is to the Contractor and the Agency best interest, the community's benefit, and the enhancement of Children's Mental Health to provide a clinical and family based component in order for children with disabilities to satisfactorily progress emotionally, socially and educationally; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor along with the Agency will fund the Setting IV and Early Childhood Programs for Children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual understandings and agreements set forth, the Contractor and the Agency agree as follows:

1. **Agency and Contractor's Duties**

The Goodhue County Health & Human Services agrees to provide funding towards these collaborative services and the Contractor agrees to furnish the following:

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| 1. | <u>Educational Assistance setting IV - 139X</u> | <u>\$582,663.00</u> |
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NOW THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED, by and between the Contractor and the Agency, the conditions of the contract as follows:

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team meetings, report writing, and meeting other applicable policies and procedures of the Contractor and the Agency. The process of providing a service offered through this contractual agreement will be done as an IEP/IFSP team decision function and not solely by a decision of the Contractor or the Agency.

- d. Agency will provide school social worker to serve as a Parent Support Specialist to receive and act on referrals of children and families from parents, school, and county staff. The Parent Support Specialist will be a GCED employee. The Parent Support Specialist will be located one day per week at the GCHHS building and will take work direction from the GCHHS Social Services Supervisor that may include, but is not limited to, administration of Family Support Grant and Rule 185 case management.

2. Cost and Delivery of Purchased Services

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4. Payment for Purchased Services

- a. Certification of expenditures: The Contractor shall submit invoices for Contract Services provided, to the Agency in January and July of each year. The invoice shall show total program and administrative expenditures for the SFY.

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Date _____

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Agency: GCHHS Director _____
Date _____

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Contractor: GCED Board Chair _____
Date _____

By: _____
Contractor: GCED Director _____
Date _____

By: _____
Goodhue County Attorney _____
Date _____