

# District School Board of Pasco County

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June 7, 2011

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable School Board Members

FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent 

RE: Memo of Understanding-Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program  
Pasco County Health Department

The attached memo of understanding between the Pasco County Health Department and the District's Student Services Department is being forwarded to the Board for approval. The Pasco County Health Department will provide salary, travel and necessary supplies for a Health Department employee to conduct the implementation and evaluation of an evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention program.

At this time, we respectfully request your approval to enter into attached memo of understanding. This memo of understanding has been reviewed and approved by Nancy Alfonso, School Board Attorney. There will be no charge to the District for these services.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

KDG/sb  
Attachments

Date/Time: June 1, 2011 09:53:00



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**DATE:** June 7, 2011

**TO:** HONORABLE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

**FROM:** Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent Ruth B. Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services

**SUBJECT:** **Memorandum of Understanding between the District School Board of Pasco County and the Pasco County Health Department regarding the Teen Outreach Program**

### Introduction:

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health has awarded the Florida Department of Health with funding to provide replication of an evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention program in Florida. The Florida Department of Health, Adolescent Health Program has designated \$67,103 per year for the five year funding period to the Pasco County Health Department for a Teen Outreach Program.

### Description:

The Florida Department of Health, Adolescent Health Program funding will provide salary, travel and necessary supplies for a Pasco County Health Department employee to conduct implementation and evaluation of the evidence based curriculum (Teen Outreach Program) in participating Pasco County schools.

Strategic Focus: All students graduate prepared for success in the present and future economies.

Strategic Plan Goal: The district increases the percentage of students graduating from high school.

### Action Requested:

The staff requests approval of the Memorandum of Understanding to reflect the continued effort of the Pasco County Health Department's provision of a research based teen pregnancy prevention program (Teen Outreach Program) to the District School Board of Pasco County.

### Recommendation:

The staff respectfully requests Board approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the District School Board of Pasco County and the Pasco County Health Department.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Type:	Description:
No Attachments Available	



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between

**Pasco County Health Department**

and

**District School Board of Pasco County**

This is an agreement between "Pasco Department of Health", hereinafter called PCHD and "Pasco County School District", hereinafter called PCSD.

## I. PURPOSE & SCOPE

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health has awarded the Florida Department of Health with funding to provide replication of an evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention program in Florida. The Florida Department of Health, Adolescent Health Program has designated \$67,103 per year for the five year funding period to the Pasco County Health Department. This funding will provide salary, travel and necessary supplies for a PCHD employee to conduct implementation and evaluation of the evidence based curriculum in participating Pasco County schools. This MOU identifies the roles and responsibilities of the PCHD and PCSD. Both parties will collaborate to support the implementation of this project.

Both PCHD and PCSD will ensure that all needs assessment requirements and subsequent action items are conducted in compliance with all applicable Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations.

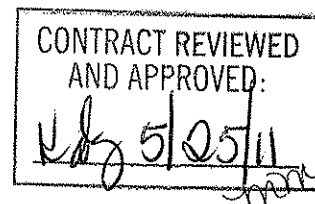
Funding is provided for through Title II of the Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-117). Division D.

In particular, this MOU establishes a collaborative agreement between PCHD and PCSD to conduct implementation and evaluation of the Teen Outreach Program (TOP) which is an evidence-based model proven to reduce:

1. Teen pregnancies by 53%
2. School course failure by 60%; and
3. School suspensions by 52%

Rigorous evaluation of the TOP curriculum implementation is required under this funding and will be conducted by the University of South Florida, College of Public Health (USF). The evaluation will follow a randomized control trial (RCT) method with a phased-in approach. Of the participating schools, state-wide, a group of schools will be chosen to receive curriculum in the first year and all remaining schools will act as control groups. Each following year, an additional group of schools will be randomly chosen to receive curriculum. By year five, all schools will have received the TOP curriculum. Every school will participate in data collection each year for all five years.

It is the goal of both parties to comply with the funding requirements, purpose and scope of this initiative as is required by the Florida Department of Health and the Department of Health and Human Services.



**II. PCHD RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU**

The Pasco County Health Department will:

- 1) Hire and ensure the training of a TOP facilitator to conduct classes and activities within participating schools.
- 2) Implement the TOP curriculum for a minimum of 25 weeks (or comparable duration) out of the school year.
- 3) Conduct a community service learning project in conjunction with classroom curriculum during implementation.
- 4) Provide necessary paperwork and materials for curriculum implementation including opt-out consent forms, curriculum overview and evaluation tools.
- 5) Distribute and collect evaluation tools to be returned to University of South Florida evaluation team.
- 6) Commit to participation and data collection for the five year initiative November 2010-October 2015.

**III. PCSD RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU**

The Pasco County School District will:

- 1) Commit to participation and data collection for the five year initiative November 2010-October 2015.
- 2) Allow TOP curriculum to be conducted in 9<sup>th</sup> and or 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes within participating schools.
- 3) Agree to participate in the RCT evaluation as detailed in Section I of this MOU.

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

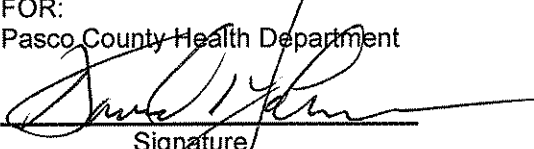
- 1) Notice – Any notice required or permitted by this MOU may be transmitted by U.S. mail, electronic mail, or overnight courier to the respective parties:
  - a.) Florida Department of Health
    - Shay Chapman, BSN, MBA
    - 4025 Esplanade Way, Room 105A (physical)
    - 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A-13 (mailing)
    - Tallahassee, Florida 32399
    - E-mail: [Shay\\_Chapman@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Shay_Chapman@doh.state.fl.us)
- 2) Amendments - Any amendment to this MOU shall be in writing and signed by both parties
- 3) Legality - This **Memorandum of Understanding** signifies a statement of intent to collaborate, but is not a legally binding document.

**VI. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE**

This 2 page MOU shall be effective upon signing by PCHD and PCSD authorized officials.

Signatures and dates:

FOR:  
Pasco County Health Department

  
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 Signature  
 David R. Johnson MD, MS, MHS  
 Director, County Health Officer

FOR:  
District School Board of Pasco County

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 Signature  
 Heather Fiorentino  
 Superintendent

CONTRACT REVIEWED  
 AND APPROVED:  
