

May 30, 2014

Comments on Bid Proposal from Cherokee Health Systems for Psychological Services:

Bid specifications were advertised in the local newspaper for these contract services with copies of the specifications available at the Board of Education Office and by e-mail attachment per request. Only one bid was received by the deadline of May 22, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.

All areas of the specifications were satisfactorily covered as required in the specifications.

The bid received was from Cherokee Health Systems with whom we contracted for psychological services for the 2013-2014 school year.

OSSD has contracted with this agency for over 20 years. The primary psychologist for that time has been the same licensed psychologist, Audrey Williams. Additional to her experience with our system she has also worked with school psychology in several other East Tennessee public school systems and has clinical experience through her agency. Over the time she has worked with us, she has become a part of our system in that she knows our community, our school personnel and our students. She is experienced in our system operations, has a good rapport with students, school personnel and students alike and has student well-being as her first priority.

Submitted by Vicki Payne, Supervisor of SPED/Districtwide 504 Coordinator

**CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CHEROKEE HEALTH SYSTEMS
AND
ONEIDA SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

ARTICLE I - GENERAL AGREEMENT

The parties of this contract share a mutual concern for providing psychological services to certain eligible exceptional and handicapped children or those suspected of being handicapped. Furthermore, both parties stipulate and agree that the services provided to these children shall be equal to those services provided to other children in the school system.

ARTICLE II - CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY

The provisions contained herein are made under authority contained in Part I, Section B, 11, b, (2) of the Rules, Regulations, and Minimum Standards of the Tennessee State Board of Education.

This provision authorizes the Commissioner of Education to approve contracts or agreements between local boards of education and suitable agencies or organizations for the provisions of approved facilities and services for exceptional children. (TCA 49-2902 and 49-2922).

ARTICLE III - SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE ONEIDA SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2010-2013 SCHOOL YEARS

The Oneida Special School District agrees to contract with Cherokee Health Systems to provide psychological services for children referred. This contract will begin August 1, 2014 and end May 31, 2015. The Oneida Special School District agrees to reimburse Cherokee Health Systems \$59,850.00 annually, with ten installments of \$5,985.00 per month. Psychological services can include the following: psychological evaluation, case consultation, parent conferences, and other services when requested. The Cherokee Health Systems agrees to provide 3 days of school psychology services each week of school. Two days per week will be provided by a credentialed school psychologist, and one day per week will be provided by a school psychology intern working under the supervision of the credentialed school psychologist and the special education director for the school district. The Oneida Special School District agrees to see that each psychological report is used in compliance with students' rights and in due process.

ARTICLE IV - SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY CHEROKEE HEALTH SYSTEMS

Cherokee Health Systems, under the direction of Dennis S. Freeman, Ph.D., agrees to contract with the Oneida Special School District to provide psychological services. Cherokee Health Systems agrees to furnish the necessary materials and tests used in the evaluation. Cherokee Health Systems agrees to meet the time limit required to be in compliance with student referrals due process. Psychological services will begin, at the latest, by August 1, 2014. Cherokee Health Systems agrees to provide the necessary psychological administration for proper certification of handicaps according to the Tennessee State Rules and Regulations. Completed psychological reports will be available within three weeks of the last date of testing.

Cherokee Health Systems agrees to furnish a time voucher at the close of each calendar month to request reimbursement.

ARTICLE V - EFFECTIVE DATE

This agreement shall become effective upon approval by duly authorized representatives of both parties and shall be applicable only to the period beginning August 1, 2014 and ending May 31, 2015.

Ann Sexton
Superintendent
Oneida Special School District

Date

Dennis S. Freeman, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer
Cherokee Health Systems

Date