

## **FAQ for Mental Health Matters Coalition**

### **Q: What is the purpose of these one on one meetings?**

**A:** Get to know each other better, learn about organizational priorities and their plans for the year. We also want to know whether they have read over the resolution and willing to join the coalition. We will also gain their feedback in regards to the resolution, understand how they want to be involved and ask other questions to drive the discussion, as time allows:

- What else would you like to see the mental health matters coalition address, if anything?
- What would it take for you and your organization to sign on to the coalition?
- What role do you see your organization taking in this coalition?
- Would you be willing to sign on to this petition in the meantime? And sharing it out to your network to sign on?

### **Q: What is the purpose of the drop in meetings?**

**A:** We wanted to provide a less formal opportunity for organizations to come together in order to move the work of the coalition forward. These meetings are a place for connection, thinking through tactics, getting concerns and questions addressed, and collaboration. They are opportunities for us to level set and get on the same page as to the current state of the work and what needs to get done still, along with who is joining and supporting the work.

### **Q: Is Horizon Foundation working alone?**

**A:** No. Horizon Foundation is working alongside a number of PTA's, therapists, community organizations, and grantees to move this work further. We are always looking to expand our network and the support of this coalition.

### **Q: Who should I join the coalition?**

**A:** Anyone passionate about mental health or believes in the expansion of services should join the coalition. The more the merrier! As a Foundation, we are also doing our due diligence in trying to connect to the schools and communities that we know do not have the services imbedded yet. We want to support them in their efforts to amplify their voice and to gain access to a program that their students are entitled to. Joining the coalition also shows strength in power, spreads the workload so the battle does not feel defeating, and protects organizations from being singled out in this work. It is a way for us to come together, become stronger, and get the work done with energy.

### **Q: How long is this specific campaign?**

**A:** With budget season rapidly approaching, we are building our momentum and support now, to see this campaign through until all schools have the program. With enough push, we have the goal of getting the budget fully expanded by the end of this year, but understand that it may take additional time and consistent voice to see this through.

### **Q: Will this campaign work on other issues?**

**A:** It can! It truly depends on what the coalition members want to do, but that is why we have our drop in meetings. We want all members to have the opportunity to voice their vision for the coalition, and if people want to work on other mental health related campaigns as a team, the opportunities are definitely there.

### **Q: How far is the campaign now?**

A: We started off this year with 5 social workers and 30 schools being serviced. Since late June, the HCPSS increased the budget to fund 11 social workers, which would oversee 50 schools in the FY22 school year. We still have 9 more social workers to get added into the budget, so all 77 schools can have this program embedded.