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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing mental health services for two afterschool programs administered by the department of youth and community development

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 4 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-414 to read as follows:

§ 21-414 Mental health services. a. The following programs shall provide mental health services for their beneficiaries: (i) the school-based community center programs known as Beacon community centers, or successor programs, and (ii) the year-round programs for adults and young people based in New York city housing authority community centers known as Cornerstone community centers, or successor programs.

b. The mental health services required by subdivision a of this section shall support 3 tiers of mental health interventions for program participants: (i) targeted interventions by program staff or subcontractors to establish or strengthen participants' relationships with specific resources to address identified emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs; (ii) selective interventions by program staff or subcontractors to develop sustainable skills for optimal functioning; and (iii) interventions across the programs to build the foundation to provide services, intervention and supports for the whole community. Such mental health services shall reflect the specific and unique needs of each school, community, or target population and work to advance equity and access to mental health care.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 30 days after it becomes law. Where the provisions of section 21-414 of the administrative code of the City of New York, as added by section one of this local law, cannot be applied

consistently with currently applicable contracts, such provisions shall only apply with respect to contracts entered into or renewed after the effective date of this local law.

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