

**BIG HORN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

121 3rd St W
Room 301
Hardin, MT 59034



Members
Lawrence Big Hair, Presiding Officer
George Real Bird III, Member
Larry Vandersloot, Member

**BIG HORN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**
January 30, 2025
9:30 AM

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Big Hair, Presiding Officer calls meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Commissioner Big Hair, Presiding Officer, member and Commissioner Vandersloot, member were both in attendance. Heather Ready, Deputy County Attorney, AJ Espinoza, Road Superintendent, Mike Opie, Accountant, and Lawrence Killsback, Economic Development Director, were also in attendance.

3. Claim Approvals

Commissioner Vandersloot entertained a motion to approve Claims 1205. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Big Hair and passed unanimously.

4. Approve Minutes and Supporting Documents

Commissioner Vandersloot entertained a motion to approve minutes of January 23, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Big Hair and passed unanimously.

5. Personnel/Legal

6. Old Business

7. New Business

One Health MOA

Heather Ready, Deputy County Attorney, presents the MOA between the Big Horn Hospital Association, Big Horn County Public Health Department, Big Horn County Ambulance and Big Horn Valley Health Center, Inc. dba "ONE Health" to form the Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program. Commissioner Vandersloot entertained a motion to approve the MOA. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Big Hair and passed unanimously.

COA Board

Commissioner Vandersloot entertained a motion to appoint Mary Sue Red Field to the COA Board for a three-year term. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Big Hair and passed unanimously.

8. Public Comments

AJ Espinoza, Road Superintendent, would like to request a \$40,000 budget transfer from 232 to 200. It will be placed on the agenda for next week.

9. Discussion

Commissioner Vandersloot would like to request that Lawrence Kills Back take his position on the Beartooth RC&D Board. Commissioner Vandersloot entertained a motion to appoint Lawrence Kills Back to the Beartooth RC&D Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Big Hair and passed unanimously.

10. Adjourn

There being no other business, the board adjourned.

Approved: L. Big Hair
Lawrence Big Hair, Presiding Officer

Attest: Peri Schenderline
Peri Schenderline, Deputy Clerk & Recorder



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN

**Big Horn Hospital Association,
Big Horn County Public Health Department,
Big Horn County Ambulance,
and
Bighorn Valley Health Center, Inc. dba "ONE Health"**

PURPOSE: Bighorn Valley Health Center, Inc. dba "One Health" (One Health) will work with Big Horn Hospital Association (BHHA), and Big Horn County, a political subdivision of the State of Montana, (BHC) through the Big Horn County Ambulance (BHCA), Big Horn County Public Health Department (BHCPHD) to meet requirements of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Federal Office of Rural Health Policy FY2025 Rural Health Services Outreach Program. The entities will form the Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program (RHCSOP) Consortium with the primary goal of demonstrating improved and measurable health outcomes, including but not limited to, reducing uninsurance rates among county residents, and reducing teen pregnancy rates in Big Horn County.

TERM: The initial term of this agreement shall be for the four-year project period of the HRSA-25-038 Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program Grant award- commencing on the receipt of the Notice of Award from HRSA.

SCOPE OF SERVICES & PRINCIPLES: Each of the participating entities agrees to support the work of the consortium focused on making available the services of community health workers (CHW) at the following locations: Big Horn Hospital Association Emergency Department, Big Horn County Ambulance, HOPE Center Drop-in Center, Big Horn County Jail, and Big Horn County Public Health Department.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

1. To practice with professionalism, compassion and respect for the inherent dignity, worth, and uniqueness of every individual, unrestricted by considerations of social or economic status, personal attributes, or the nature of health problems.
2. To fulfill responsibilities to patient and community members in accordance with current standards of practice, and regulatory requirements.
3. To conform to all policies and procedures of the member organizations.
4. To comply with the provisions of all state, local and federal laws, regulations, ordinances, requirements and codes which are applicable to the performance of services to be rendered.
5. To not discriminate against any person based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or any other protected basis under federal, state, and local laws, in the performance of work for the consortium.
6. To adhere to privacy and confidentiality of patient records and communication as outlined in HIPAA regulations and individual organizational policy.

The schedule of consortium meetings will be mutually determined by the participating entities. Each entity will commit full participation in the work of the consortium for the duration of the agreement. In addition to regular communication, each party will have specific responsibilities as part of membership in the consortium.

One Health agrees to:

- Recruit, hire, train, support and supervise community health workers (CHW) (2.5 FTE) to conduct care coordination activities, outreach and enrollment work to connect individuals with eligible health insurance options, and facilitate access to comprehensive and responsive primary care. Duties will include, but not be limited to, coordinating with partner agencies to provide responsive, tailored services to individuals presenting at numerous sites across the community.
- Organize the agenda for the consortium meetings, submit required reporting to HRSA, facilitate the development of a four-year strategic plan for the consortium, and manage the finances associated with the grant award.

Big Horn Hospital Association agrees to:

- Support the deployment of the CHWs in the ED at the BHHA hospital.
- Provide access to relevant hospital personnel to facilitate deployment of the CHWs.
- Promote the CHW model to hospital staff, board, and community as appropriate.
- Provide training related to specific site to site policies, procedures, workflows, or administrative expectations.

Big Horn County through the Big Horn County Ambulance agrees to:

- Support the deployment of the CHWs in appropriate pre-hospital encounters, identifying appropriate instances where patients would be optimally served by engaging CHW and social service supports rather than transport.
- Provide access to relevant Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel to facilitate development of communications protocols with One Health CHWs.
- Promote the CHW model to EMS staff and community members as appropriate.
- Provide training related to specific site to site policies, procedures, workflows, or administrative expectations.

Big Horn County through the Big Horn County Public Health Department agrees to:

- Coordinate with One Health CHWs to facilitate patient enrollment in eligible health insurance options, connect with necessary social services, and avail patients of relevant public health services, including vaccinations and screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections in appropriate individuals.
- Refer individual patients to CHWs for connection with primary care and supportive care issues.
- Receive referrals from CHWs for public health services as appropriate to the individual.

PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS:

Each participating organization will determine the appropriate personnel to represent the organization in the RHCSOP Consortium.

EVALUATION:

A stated goal of the consortium is to demonstrate improved and measurable health outcomes, including but not limited to, reducing uninsurance rates among county residents, and reducing teen pregnancy rates in Big Horn County. Each participating organization agrees to participate in the evaluation activities related to measuring these outcomes, including providing input on the development of the Assessment Plan during the first year of

the grant period. This assessment plan will provide guidance for program assessment throughout the grant period and beyond. The assessment plan will seek to address both process and outcome measures. It may include assessment questions; indicators; data sources; assessment methods (e.g., review of documents, interviews with project staff and participants, surveys of participants, etc.); and how the assessment findings will be shared throughout the project.

Non-Binding

This is strictly a non-binding MOU. It is not a contract. Nothing in this MOU creates a binding agreement between BHC (through the BHCA or BHCPHD, any of its employees, or elected officials) and any other organization listed in this MOU. Nothing in this MOU creates an employee-employer or business relationship.

Signatures

We agree to the terms and conditions described in this Memorandum of Agreement.

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10 4th Street West
Hardin, MT 59034

Big Horn Hospital Association
17 N. Miles Ave.
Hardin, MT 59034

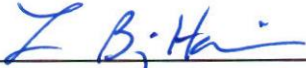
David Mark, MD
CEO

Kristi Gatrell
CEO

Date

Date

Big Horn County
A Political Subdivision of the State of Montana
P.O. Box 908
Hardin, Montana 59034



Lawrence Pete Big Hair, Presiding Officer

1/23/25

Date

Big Horn County Points of Contact:

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Hardin, MT 59034

Big Horn County Ambulance
Attn: Patti Medicine Horse
117 2nd Street West,
Hardin, MT 59034



BIG HORN COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 10, 2025

Mary Sue Redfield
HC 45 Box 926
Lodge Grass, MT 59050

RE: Council on Aging

Big Horn County, Montana

This Certifies That

Mary Sue Redfield

has been appointed to

Council on Aging Board

on January 20 25 to January 20 28

Board of County Commissioners

SEAL

By: L.B. Hair
Chairman

Dear Ms. Redfield

The Board of County Commissioners, Big Horn County, Montana, has appointed you to a three-year term on the Council on Aging board. Thank you for your interest and dedication to the community. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely

L.B. Hair
Lawrence Big Hair
Presiding Officer

George Real Bird III
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Member

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February 4, 2025

Beartooth RC&D
Resource Conservation & Development
PO Box 180
Joliet, MT 59041

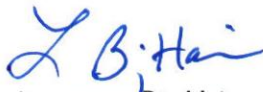
Dear Members of the Beartooth RC&D Board,

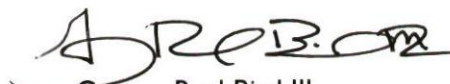
The Big Horn County Board of County Commissioners would like to inform you that Lawrence Kills Back, Big Horn County Economic Development Director, has been appointed to the Beartooth RC&D Board, effective immediately. He will be taking the place of Larry Vandersloot who has served in this capacity since the previous Economic Development Director's departure from the County.

Lawrence Kills Back brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to the mission of the Beartooth RC&D and we are confident he will be a valuable addition to your board.

Please let us know if you require any further information or documentation regarding this appointment. We look forward to the continued success and collaboration between Beartooth RC&D and Big Horn County.

Sincerely


Lawrence Big Hair
Presiding Officer


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