

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

## Barrett Hospital & HealthCare And Beaverhead County Public Health

### **Parties:**

The Beaverhead County Public Health Department (BCPH), 41 Barrett Street, Dillon, MT, 59725, hereby enters into this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) with the Public Hospital District for Beaverhead County d/b/a/ Barrett Hospital & Health Care (BHH), 600 HWY 91 South, Dillon, MT, 59725.

### **Introduction/Purpose:**

The purpose this MOU is to encourage cooperation and resource sharing between Barrett Hospital and HealthCare and Beaverhead County Public Health. The goal of the MOU is to use the strengths and expertise of both organizations to work together to promote activities that protect the health of the public. The public's health and well being will best be protected through the concerted efforts of multiple agencies and organizations providing assistance to one another. The promotion and coordination of this assistance through this MOU is desirable for the effective and efficient provision of mutual aid and assistance.

Activities may include (but are not limited to):

- Animal bite reporting and investigation
- Disease reporting/ investigation/follow-up
- Perinatal Hep B follow-up
  - ❖ Insure all babies born to positive Hep B mothers and mothers with unknown status are appropriately followed up
- Health assessment and promotion
- Increasing vaccination rates
- Referrals to appropriate public health programs
- Public health emergency preparedness training and exercises
- Public health emergency mitigation efforts

**Public Health Emergency:** An occurrence or condition within Beaverhead County which results in a situation of such magnitude or consequence that it cannot be adequately handled by BCPH and determines the necessity and advisability of requesting mutual aid, including but not limited to, bioterrorism or terrorism events, outbreaks or release of dangerously contagious or infectious disease, infectious agents, chemical agents, or toxins, natural disasters, technological hazards, man-made disasters, or civil emergencies.

In the event of an emergency and/or a public health event in Beaverhead County in which BCPH's capabilities to provide essential public health services necessary to deal with the situation at hand are exceeded, BHH will collaborate with BCPH to assist in meeting the public health needs of the community. The management teams of both organizations will determine the level and type of resources that need to be shared, and are able to share.

### **Authorities:**

The parties will comply with all Federal and State laws relating to the provision of services under this Agreement and will maintain in effect all permits, licenses, governmental approvals and accreditations that may be necessary for that purpose.

**Compensation:**

None. Each organization will be responsible for their employees.

**Annual Review/Update/Termination:**

This agreement will be reviewed annually and continued unless terminated by either party by delivering written notice to the other party at least 30 days prior to termination. BCPH has the authority to update the MOU as necessary, in collaboration with BHH and subject to approval/consensus by both parties. Any updates or changes will require the signature of each participating entity. Updates or changes may be made on an addendum page with an attached new signature page verifying the understanding of changes by each party and distributed via email or mail.

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**A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS NOT INTENDED TO CREATE BINDING OR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS ON EITHER PARTY.**

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Barrett Hospital & HealthCare

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Mike McGinley, Chair  
Beaverhead County Commission

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