AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Acknowledgment of CM Sign.; MOU GVH

Action Requested: Motion

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:

Acknowledgment of County Manager's signature on the Memorandum of Understanding re: use of the Fred R. Field Western Heritage Center by Gunnison Valley Hospital

Fiscal Impact:

Submitted by: Liz Mense **Submitter's Email Address:** EMense@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:
No concerns. ln

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\lNienhueser Discharge Date: 4/3/2020

County Attorney Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:
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Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\dBaumgarten Discharge Date: 4/3/2020 Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ( ) No (●)

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 4/3/2020

(●) Consent Agenda ( ) Regular Agenda ( ) Worksession Time Allotted: 0

Agenda Date: 4/7/2020

Revised April 2015

TEMPORARY HOUSING ADDITIONAL OR AUXILIARY CARE SITE AGREEMENT FOR GUNNISON VALLEY HOSPITAL

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

This Memorandum of Understanding is made and entered into as of March 15th, 2020 by and between Gunnison Valley Health (GVH) and the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado (County), which operates the Fairgrounds Multipurpose Building, also known as the Fred R. Field Western Heritage Center. Each of these organizations is a party to this MOU and collectively, they constitute the parties involved in establishing temporary housing for GVH's hospital.

I. PURPOSE & SCOPE

The purpose of this MOU is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to the implementation of temporary housing for Gunnison Valley Hospital. Temporary housing for Gunnison Valley Hospital may be necessary should (a) Gunnison Valley Hospital undergo a full or partial evacuation, or (b) Gunnison Valley Hospital experiences a massive influx of patients (surge event) in which additional overflow space is temporarily required. In such circumstances, temporary housing for the hospital would be necessary to maintain at a minimum, emergency department services, inpatient services and critical administration positions to GVH. To support this goal, GVH and the County will agree to establish temporary housing for Gunnison Valley Hospital.

II. DEFINITIONS

a. An "additional or auxiliary care site" is defined as a temporary facility providing at a minimum, inpatient services and emergency department services to the community.

b. Gunnison Valley Hospital is further defined as a "Critical Access Hospital" (CAH). Per the Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999; "CAH designation is designed to ... improve access to healthcare by keeping essential services in rural communities." GVH is the sole emergency department and inpatient service provider in Gunnison County.

c. "Healthcare Services" means the provision of medical treatment, care, advice, or other services or supplies related to the health of individuals or human populations.

d. "Healthcare Professional" means the extent and authorization to provide healthcare services granted by a license to practice healthcare services in the State in which the healthcare professional practices. Scope of practice may be

further limited by privileging and credentialing requirements imposed by the State or GVH's hospital.

e. "Fairgrounds Multipurpose Building" means the Gunnison County property located at 275 S. Spruce St., Gunnison, CO 81230.

III. **CONSTRUCTION:** This MOU is not a legal contract. Rather, this MOU expresses the intentions of both parties to work together to institute an additional or auxiliary care site if Gunnison Valley Hospital is deemed insufficient in order to meet the needs of the community.

IV. **ACTIVATION:** In the event an additional or auxiliary care site is required, the Administrator-On-Call from Gunnison Valley Hospital or appropriate designee shall contact the County Manager or his designee to arrange set-up of an additional or auxiliary care site in the Fairgrounds Multipurpose Building.

V. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF GUNNISON VALLEY HEALTH (GVH) UNDER THIS MOU:**

a. GVH will mobilize disaster supplies to the additional or auxiliary care site.

b. GVH will provide all transportation of all patients to and from the additional or auxiliary care site.

c. GVH will provide all levels of management, health care, environmental servicing and administrative duties in order to effectively operate the additional or auxiliary care site.

d. GVH will provide all pharmaceuticals and medical equipment necessary to manage the additional or auxiliary care site.

e. GVH will provide environmental services, waste disposal, biohazard waste disposal and linen services for the additional or auxiliary care site.

f. GVH will provide culinary services staff and food supplies for the additional or auxiliary care site.

g. GVH will ensure Fairgrounds Multipurpose Building facilities are terminally cleaned, all GVH properties are removed and any repairs provided at the termination of use of additional or auxiliary care site.

h. GVH will collaborate with the County upon the conclusion of the use of the additional or auxiliary care site to seek reimbursement for costs from any available funding sources..

i. GVH will comply with Federal, State and Local directives.

j. GVH will be responsible for providing liability and worker's compensation insurance for the GVH's healthcare workers staffing the additional or auxiliary care site.

VI. RESPONSIBILITIES OF GUNNISON COUNTY UNDER THIS MOU:

a. The County will cease regular operations at the Fairgrounds Multipurpose Building and grant occupancy of the Fairgrounds Multipurpose Building to GVH for a period of up to two weeks for use as an additional or auxiliary care site. The County Manager or his designee and the GVH CEO may extend this agreement as needed.

b. The County will not be responsible for providing staff, equipment or supplies for the management of the additional or auxiliary care site, unless otherwise offered.

c. The County will not be responsible for provision of culinary services, environmental services, waste disposal or linen services for the additional or auxiliary care site.

d. The County will inspect the Fairgrounds Multipurpose Building for any damages at the time of activation and again at the time of termination of the additional or auxiliary care site.

e. The County will account for the costs incurred for use of the building as the additional or auxiliary care site. The County will collaborate with GVH upon the conclusion of the use of the additional or auxiliary care site to seek reimbursement for costs from any available funding sources.

VII. TERM

a. This MOU shall be effective upon the signature of GVH and County authorized officials. It shall remain in effect unless either party requests a review, revision, or termination.

Robert J. Santilli

Rob Santilli, CEO
Gunnison Valley Health

Date: 4/2/2020

Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Gunnison County, Colorado

Date: 4-02-2020