AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

AgendaTitle:
West Region Healthcare Coalition Memorandum of Agreement; Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel Counties

Action Requested: County Manager Signature

Parties to the Agreement: Gunnison County BOCC & West Region Healthcare Coalition

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

Summary:
This is an agreement for a voluntary collaborative network of healthcare organizations managed through the Emergency Preparedness grant to prepare and respond to disasters involving a healthcare response. Membership includes hospitals, EMS, mental health, long term care and Public Health within Region 10. This MOA will be reviewed annually.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Submitted by: C Worrall **Submitter's Email Address:** cworrall@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ◉ Required ○ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\atrezise Discharge Date: 7/22/2014 Certificate of Insurance Required Yes ○ No ◉

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 7/22/2014

◉ Consent Agenda ○ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted:

Agenda Date: 8/5/2014 Follow Up Agenda Date:

Revised April 2013

West Region Healthcare Coalition
Memorandum of Agreement

This agreement is entered into among representatives of Colorado's West Region Healthcare and Emergency Management partners to assure a coordinated response to public health and medical emergencies in the following western Colorado counties: Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel.

Definitions

- **Colorado's West Region Healthcare Coalition (WRHCC)** is a voluntary collaborative network of healthcare organizations organized to enhance the ability of West Region healthcare and emergency management partners to prepare for and respond to disasters involving a healthcare response.

- **Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)** or cooperative agreement is a document written among parties to cooperatively work together on an agreed upon project or meet an agreed upon objective. The purpose of this MOA is to have a written understanding of the agreement among West Region Healthcare Coalition members.

Coalition Purpose

- Preparedness: The primary function of the WRHCC is healthcare system emergency preparedness activities involving member organizations.
- Response: Assist Emergency Management with ESF8 response activities including situational awareness, communication and resource coordination for healthcare organizations during a response.

Membership

The membership of WRHCC is made up of the following members, and is open to others associated with or interested in healthcare emergency preparedness and response.

- Hospitals
- EMS providers
- Emergency Management / Public Safety
- Mental/behavioral health providers
- Public Health
- Long Term Care and Assisted Living
- Medical clinics and private practice
- Volunteer organizations
- Other allied healthcare providers

Structure

- **Leadership**
    - Rotates among leaders from the three hospitals in the West Region

- **General Membership**
    - All members of the WRHCC
- **Steering Committee**
    - A group of local and regional ESF8 and Emergency Management partners who provide guidance and direction to the WRHCC.
        - Steering committee members are from hospitals, Public Health, Emergency Management, EMS and Mental/Behavioral Health.
- **Workgroups**
    - Ad-hoc group (or individual) convened for a brief duration to address a specific area and/or produce a specific product of interest to the Coalition.
    - Also local ESF8 partnerships working on behalf of the regional coalition.

The party or parties signed below agree that after meeting their responsibilities to staff, patients and constituents; they will, to the extent of their ability:

- Attend meetings of the Coalition and any assigned work groups.
- Support collaborative West Region planning, training and exercise coordination.
- Support coordination of healthcare resources through sharing of information, activation of staff, provision of medical materials (including the Strategic National Stockpile), and facilities for responding to an emergency.
- Provide ESF8 resources and representation, information sharing, and leadership for helping direct resources and operations for regional and county emergency response during critical incidents.
- Support assessment of public health/medical needs (including behavior health).
- Support public and environmental health surveillance efforts in the county/region.

This MOA will take effect when it is signed. This MOA will be reviewed annually and may be amended any time by mutual agreement of all parties. This MOA shall remain in effect until terminated by written notice with 60 days notice from any party.

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Name / Title / Organization Date: