

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Health Management and Advisory Group  
2023**

WHEREAS, Yellowstone County and all political jurisdictions therein recognize that there are hazards that could pose significant danger to the health and well-being of their residents; and,

WHEREAS, the value of a coordinated response to such hazards is recognized as the best option to reduce loss of life, property damage, and social / economic hardship; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is charged with preparing the community and its residents to protect, prevent, mitigate, respond to, and recover from substantial hazards and threats to the community; and,

WHEREAS, the LEPC has selected the Community Lifelines construct proposed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as its model for emergency management; and,

WHEREAS, the seven elements of the FEMA Community Lifelines construct include: 1) Safety and Security; 2) Food, Water, Shelter; 3) Health and Medical; 4) Energy; 5) Communications; 6) Transportation; and, 7) Hazardous Materials; and,

WHEREAS, the LEPC's Health and Medical Advisory Group (HMAG) is chartered "to ensure the coordination of the Yellowstone County health system for the purpose of preventing, preparing, and recovering from events that may impact the health of our community" by developing, testing, and improving the Health and Medical component of the Community Lifelines construct; and,

WHEREAS, the elements of the Health and Medical component of the Community Lifelines construct include medical care, patient movement, public health, fatality management, and medical supply chain;

THEREFORE, the Parties indicated below affirm their understanding and commitment to utilize the HMAG as their primary means for developing, testing, and improving plans, activities, processes, and procedures intended to address the five elements of the Health and Medical Community Lifeline; and,

FURTHER, the Parties indicated below affirm their commitment to support the ongoing work of the HMAG through providing resources as deemed available and appropriate, and by considering the recommendations of HMAG to accomplish the objectives defined in its charter.

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On behalf of the Local Emergency Planning Committee:

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Jennifer Staton  
Chairperson

Date

On behalf of Billings Clinic:

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Clint Seger, MD  
Chief Executive Officer

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On behalf of St. Vincent Healthcare / Intermountain Health:

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Jennifer Alderfer  
Montana Region President & CEO

Date



On behalf of Yellowstone County:

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John Ostlund  
Chair, Board of County Commissioners

Date

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KC Williams  
Director, Disaster & Emergency services

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On behalf of the City of Billings:

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William Cole  
Mayor

Date

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Chris Kukulski  
City Administrator

Date

On behalf of the City of Laurel:

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Dave Waggoner  
Mayor

Date

On behalf of the Village of Broadview:

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Katrina Thompson  
Mayor

Date

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On behalf of Montana Disaster and Emergency Services:

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Delila Bruno  
Director

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On behalf of Vitalant:

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Anne C. Burtchaell  
Vice President, Mountain Division

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On behalf of Southern Region Healthcare Coalition / MHA:

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Jude Waerig  
Coordinator

Date

On behalf of American Medical Response:

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