

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA**

**RE: A Resolution Authorizing an Emergency
Contract with Alluvion Health for a Temporary Clinic**

RESOLUTION 20-11

WHEREAS, Montana Governor Steve Bullock issued an executive order on Thursday, March 12, 2020, declaring a state of emergency to exist within the state of Montana related to COVID-19, commonly referred to as coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bullock on Friday, March 13, 2020, announced that Montana has confirmed four (4) cases of coronavirus within the borders of Montana, in Gallatin, Yellowstone, Silver Bow and Broadwater counties; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bullock on Sunday, March 15, 2020 announced the closing of all schools in Montana and confirmed two additional cases of coronavirus within the borders of Montana, adding Missoula County; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, an additional two (2) confirmed cases of coronavirus within the borders of Montana were identified in Gallatin; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), local health departments, health and medical departments and local jurisdictions have activated response plans and protocols to prepare for the arrival of the virus in Montana; and

WHEREAS, Cascade City-County Health Department (CCHD) and Alluvion Health (Alluvion) are established healthcare providers in Cascade County and provide quality health care to the County population; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the parties to coordinate CCHD facilities and Alluvion services for a temporary clinic to help alleviate the strain on the local health systems and streamline patient examinations, testing and investigations for DPHHS;

WHEREAS, this requires immediate emergency action to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA § 2-3-112(1), the Board of County Commissioners are permitted to make a decision that must be made to deal with an emergency situation affecting the public health, welfare, or safety and are exempt from the provisions of MCA §§ 2-3-103 (public participation requirements) and 2-3-111 (public hearing requirements).

It Is Hereby Resolved:

That Cascade County on behalf of the CCHD may immediately enter into a contract with Alluvion for the establishment of a temporary clinic at the CCHD facility to help alleviate the strain on the local health systems and streamline patient examinations, testing and investigations for DPHHS. Such agreement will be ratified by the Board of County Commissioners at subsequent County Commission meeting.

DATED this 18th day of March, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA

James L. Larson, Chairman

Jane Weber, Commissioner

Joe Briggs, Commissioner

Attest

Rina Fontana Moore,
Cascade County Clerk and Recorder

* APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Josh Racki, County Attorney

DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY

* THE COUNTY ATTORNEY HAS PROVIDED ADVICE AND APPROVAL OF THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT LANGUAGE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND NOT ON BEHALF OF OTHER PARTIES OR ENTITIES. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THIS DOCUMENT BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WAS CONDUCTED SOLELY FROM A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE AND FOR THE EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT OF CASCADE COUNTY. OTHER PARTIES SHOULD NOT RELY ON THIS APPROVAL AND SHOULD SEEK REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THEIR OWN RESPECTIVE COUNSEL.

VIRAL INCIDENT CLINIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into effective upon signing by both parties, by and between CASCADE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Montana, for the City-County Health Department, ("CCHD") and COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CENTER, Inc., a nonprofit organization doing business as ALLUVION HEALTH, with its principal office at 601 1st Avenue North, Great Falls, Montana ("Alluvion").

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the CCHD mission is to prevent disease and illness and promote healthy choices and deliver quality health care, and

WHEREAS, Alluvion's mission is to create and inspire healthier lives; and

WHEREAS, CCHD and Alluvion are established healthcare providers in Cascade County and provide quality health care to the County population; and

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WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), local health departments, health and medical departments and local jurisdictions have activated response plans and protocols to prepare for the arrival of the virus in Montana; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the parties to coordinate CCHD facilities and Alluvion services for a temporary Viral Incident Clinic to help alleviate the strain on the local health systems and streamline patient examinations, testing and investigations for DPHHS;

WHEREAS, it is the expressed intention of all parties that to the extent permitted by law, they shall be allowed to enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree:

1. Incorporation of Recitals: The Recitals set forth above are incorporated into and shall constitute a material part of this Agreement.