

Executive Summary Form

Agenda Number: HLT

Recommendation:

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Cochise Health and Social Services (CHSS) and Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc. to share space in the Willcox office and parking lot at the Willcox County Complex, CHSS Office.

Background:

CCHCI is a federally qualified health center providing a full range of primary and dental care services for the uninsured and underinsured populations in our County. They have permanent clinics established in Douglas, Bisbee, and Elfrida and also have mobile units to serve patients where they do not have a permanent clinic established. CCHCI would like to park their mobile medical clinic (MMC) one day/week outside of our Willcox location and share our lobby and public restrooms for their patients to use while waiting to be seen, as they did with our Sierra Vista Foothills Office. CCHCI would also like to list our facility as an emergency back-up location for their MMC operation in the event of a catastrophic failure of the MMC. It is very unlikely that this would occur and if it did, would only need our clinic space for a few days. They will be responsible for any costs to establish this connection and for electricity used. This collaboration with CCHCI is mutually beneficial to our organizations and to the communities we serve. We essentially serve the same clientele and having this expanded service capability on our campus would be very convenient for clients visiting either of us.

Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources: There is no fiscal impact to either agency for this partnership agreement.

Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up:

Your approval is respectfully requested.

Impact of Not Approving:

Missed opportunity for collaboration with community partner serving our same population, less convenient for clients to visit dual locations, and loss of revenue through MOU.