Memorandum of Understanding Between Colorado West Regional Mental Health, Inc. And Homeless Outreach Team of the Grand Junction Police Department

In an effort to reduce chronic homelessness issues in the City of Grand Junction, the Grand Junction Police Department (GJPD) initiated a program known as the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). The HOT Team specializes in building relationships and coordinating assistance in finding necessary services for the homeless population.

Colorado West Regional Mental Health, Inc. (CWRMH) operates a non-medical detoxification program in Building B on its Grand Junction campus. This program provides a safe, supervised environment for intoxicated individuals. CWRMH also operates a crisis team to assist mentally ill persons in crisis situations.

It is the desire of CWRMH and the HOT Team to collaborate and assist each other to provide quality services for the homeless and indigent population of Mesa County. Therefore, it is agreed:

- CWRMH grants access to the HOT Team to all staff office space as well as hallways of Building B on the Grand Junction Campus. General client areas in Building B will require CWRMH staff presence along with HOT Team.
- 2. All Parties will keep information regarding clients confidential and agree not to release information obtained while at CWRMH, except with written consent of the client, a court order or other legal requirements. Should the HOT Team be deemed a "Business Associate" as identified under HIPAA, HOT agrees to sign a Business Associate Agreement which will be attached as an addendum to this Memorandum of Understanding. Individual HOT Team members may be asked to sign a Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement.
- 3. Both parties agree that information garnered while operating under this agreement shall not be used to arrest or detain CWRMH clients unless safety of the client or staff is at risk.

Agreed to this 12 day of July 2012.

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Colorado West Regional Mental Health, Inc.