# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MISSOULA CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

#### 1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to establish an agreement between the Missoula City-County Health Department (hereinafter referred to as "MCCHD") and the University of Montana's School of Public and Community Health Sciences (hereinafter referred to as "SPCHS") to create an Academic Health Department through the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice.

### 2.0 SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

UM and MCCHD agree to the following scope of activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- MCCHD and SPCHS will collaborate on public health projects including Applied Practice Experience (APE) opportunities for students enrolled in the SPCHS Masters of Public Health (MPH) program, as well as dissertation research projects for SPCHS PhD students.
- MCCHD staff with approval by their supervisor, will contribute to the SPCHS as mentors, student advisors, guest lecturers or through other mechanisms.
- SPCHS MPH and PhD students will be encouraged to engage MCCHD on research projects of interest to MCCHD.
- SPCHS faculty, staff, and students will contribute to MCCHD as technical resources, guest lecturers, seminar/webinar speakers, or through other mechanisms.
- MCCHD and SPCHS will conduct an annual half-day retreat to explore collaborative initiatives and research opportunities, including activities related to research opportunities, workforce development, community health assessments, and program evaluation.
- MCCHD and SPCHS will collaborate on Missoula's "Invest Health" endeavors involving neighborhood- and data-driven improvements to the social determinants of health for improvement in health equity.
- MCCHD and SPCHS will explore opportunities to share resources in the future, such as shared-use space and supporting a joint-staff/faculty position between MCCHD/SPCHS.

## 3.0 ACTIVITY AGREEMENTS

- Before activities are implemented, the parties shall discuss the relevant issues
  to the satisfaction of each party and enter into specific activity agreements
  based on the mutually agreed outcomes and objectives.
- Activities that involve exchange of funds, specific products or potential liability for either party shall be subject to separate agreements. The terms of any subsequent agreements will govern those activities.

This MOU shall be reviewed annually by MCCHD and SPCHS liaisons in order to address issues identified by either party to this agreement.

#### 4.0 LIAISON

The UM Chair of the SPCHS and the Director of the MCCHD shall serve as liaisons for implementing this MOU. All activities conducted under the auspices of this MOU must have the endorsement of the liaisons. Liaisons shall notify their counterparts should a new person be named to the position.

## 4.0 RENEWAL, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

- The term of the MOU is for a period of two years from the date of the last signature.
   This MOU may be extended by the written consent of the parties.
- This MOU may be terminated by either party with or without cause by giving
  at least sixty (60) days' written notice to the other party. Termination of this MOU
  shall not affect activities in progress pursuant to specific activity agreements, which
  shall continue until concluded by the parties in accordance with their terms or as
  otherwise agreed to by the parties in writing.
- This MOU may be amended only by the written consent of the parties.

In witness thereof, the parties have offered their signatures hereto:

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3/29/19

Date

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Date

Ellen Leahy, MN, MPH

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