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Statement for Appropriations Committee hearing for HB130 & HB131

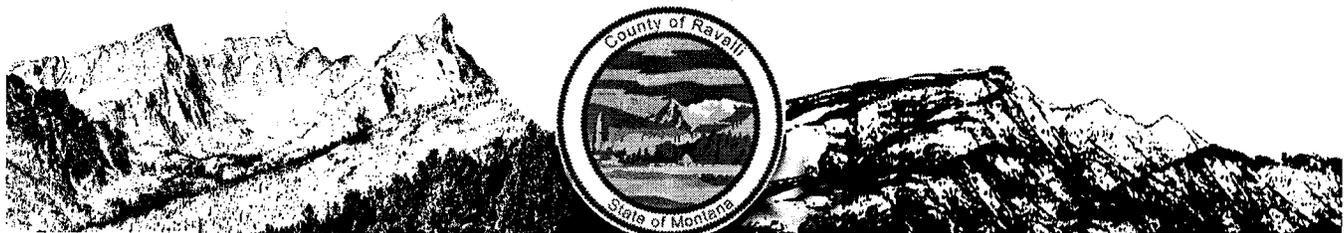
Chairman Roberts, Sen. Lewis, and members of the Committee, my name is Karen Mahar and I serve as a Deputy County Attorney for Ravalli County.

In 2009-10, Ravalli County received a planning grant and partial construction funding from HB130 to assist with construction of a local crisis stabilization facility in Hamilton, Montana. That facility will be completed the first of March. The remaining funds needed to construct the facility were contributed through a collaborative effort between our local crisis access hospital, the Western Montana Mental Health Center, local law enforcement agencies, local non-profits, and Ravalli County.

Having a local crisis facility in operation ensures that persons with mental disorders who are initially taken in to the criminal justice system or local hospital are transferred to a more appropriate treatment location and receive treatment in their own communities.

Having local crisis treatment minimizes the stress on persons already in crisis by eliminating the need to handcuff and shackle for safety purposes those very individuals we are endeavoring to stabilize and help. It saves law enforcement resources used for transportation purposes as well.

Having local crisis treatment not only relieves pressure on citizens, the criminal justice system, and hospitals in our Montana communities, it also directly reduces the daily census and use of the Montana State Hospital for crisis detention. This reserves the valuable MSH resources for those persons who require the long-term secure hospitalization services MSH is designed to provide.



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Ravalli County's attached 2010 grant report for its HB130 planning grant shows just the statistics from Ravalli County of the number of citizens who can be assisted and diverted to local crisis services.

I urge you to continue funding for these bills to encourage joint community-state partnerships. By working together we can improve local crisis services and everyone wins in the long run.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen S. Mahar".

Karen S. Mahar, Deputy



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RAVALLI COUNTY, MONTANA

Final Grant Report

Contract # 10-331-74106-0

Ravalli County submits this Report for the above contract for Architectural Report, Planning and Land Acquisition for a 6-bed secure crisis stabilization facility in Hamilton, Montana.

A. Services Provided.

Ravalli County, in conjunction with subcontractor Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC) and Bechtle Architects, successfully planned and designed a six (6) bed secure crisis stabilization facility that is currently under construction in Hamilton, Montana. The plan for this facility has been reviewed and preliminarily approved by DPHHS to offer two (2) secure and four (4) voluntary crisis stabilization beds, with one (1) seclusion room. **A copy of the Preliminary Architectural Report has already been delivered to Deb Matteucci at DPHHS.**

B. Reporting.

Ravalli County was to provide the Department monthly reports containing specified statistical information. However, the parties mutually agreed that Ravalli County would instead provide one final grant report containing charts of the monthly statistics covering not only the contract period (June-December 2010), but for the entire year of 2010. Those charts follow.

1. Number of 911 calls that include mental disorder as an element of crisis call - reported by Ravalli County:

2010 Month	Suicides	Suicide Attempts	Suicide Threats	Mental Health Requests	Total Calls
January	0	4	9	15	28
February	3	5	4	14	26
March	0	1	9	16	26
April	1	0	12	23	36
May	1	1	7	12	21
June	1	1	16	24	42
July	2	5	14	18	39
August	0	2	11	10	23
September	0	0	10	18	28
October	0	0	12	17	29
November	0	0	7	29	36
December (to 12-27-10)	1	0	9	13	23
2010 Totals	9	19	120	209	357

2. Unduplicated count of number of persons served by Ravalli County (origin of crisis intervention efforts):

2010	# Served	Origin of Referral		
		Law Enforcement	Hospital	Jail
January	26	4	7	15
February	28	3	7	18
March	20	1	5	14
April	20	4	6	10
May	25	6	8	11
June	22	3	7	12
July	26	3	6	17
August	27	6	2	19
September	22	1	2	19
October	16	3	1	12
November	23	1	5	17
December (to date)	5	3	2	--
Totals	260	38	58	164

3-4. Outcome of presentations and total number with co-occurring mental disorder and substance abuse:

2010	# Served	Outcomes				Co-Occur
		Resolved/ Voluntary	Hospital	Detention	Commit to MSH	
January	26	23	2	4	1	10
February	28	21	4	5	2	13
March	20	19	1	4	0	3
April	20	17	1	5	1	11
May	25	22	0	7	2	6
June	22	18	1	4	2	7
July	26	26	0	3	0	10
August	27	21	1	5	3	10
September	22	21	1	1	0	6
October	16	15	0	3	1	5
November	23	21	2	3	0	10
December (to date)	5	3	0	3	2	1
Totals	260	227	13	47	14	92

5. Monthly progress of Phase 1 of proposal:

March 29, 2010: copy of completed PAR delivered to DPHHS
April 6, 2010: notice of grant award; contracts and subcontract drafted
May, 2010: solicitation for general contractor advertised
June, 2010: general contractor selected; contract and subcontract finalized, project budget approved
June 29, 2010: itemized invoices for PAR submitted to DPHHS
July 8, 2010: County received payment on planning contract less 10%
August, 2010: land donation finalized and recorded
PHASE 1 OF PROJECT COMPLETE; PHASES II AND III COMMENCED
August, 2010: project mobilized, excavation started, foundation poured
September, 2010: site work, grading, public utility connections installed, started framing
October, 2010: continued framing, roof trusses
November, 2010: completed site work, asphalt paving, roofing, electrical/plumbing commenced (see photos)
December, 2010: mechanical commenced, insulation, windows installed, commencing drywall and exterior siding (see photos)

6. Monthly report of collaboration meetings:

Detailed minutes from monthly collaboration meetings held July - December are attached.

C. Quarterly Status Report and Copy of Preliminary Architectural Report.

See Section B5 above. The current status is that Phase I of the project (Architectural Report, Planning, and Land Acquisition) and was completed in August, 2010. Phase II and III (Construction, Furnishing and Fixtures) was delayed with approval of the Department from the original schedule due to delay in award of contracts and release of funding until June, 2010. Construction commenced in August and is currently ongoing with an estimated project completion date of March 1, 2011.

\$6,059.40 remains to be reimbursed to Ravalli County on the planning contract upon submission of this final grant report satisfactory in form and content as determined by the Department. Contract 3B.

D. Next steps to complete Phase II and III.

1. Continue to hold crisis stabilization working group meetings to discuss relevant issues, finalize facility protocols, and establish coordinated community response.
2. Pursue memorandums of understanding with community partners to coordinate existing services with the new facility.
3. Continue to pursue other funding sources, to include but not limited to financial and property contributions from community partners and application for other grant funds. Finalize loan funding for balance of construction project.

E. **Final Grant Report Submitted By:**

Ravalli County requests that this Final Report be approved by the Department, the remaining funds for the planning grant be disbursed, and the planning project closed. Please contact us if you need any additional information.

RAVALLI COUNTY:

By _____
Karen Mahar, Deputy County Attorney