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RE: RFP #2020000117 County Commissioner Letter of Intent

Michelle Stecher
Eagle River Youth Coalition, Inc. DBA Mountain Youth
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Edwards, CO 81632

Dear Mrs. Stecher,

Eagle County Government has continued to work closely with Eagle River Youth Coalition DBA Mountain Youth on numerous initiatives to strengthen the health outcomes of our community's youth by improving policies, systems, and environmental influencers to reduce risk factors and increase protective factors around substance use and behavioral health.

To further these joint efforts, we commit to participating in and supporting the 2020 application to Colorado Office of Behavioral Health entitled Evidence-Based Prevention Programs & Policies, for the time period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025.

We will support Mountain Youth's proposed project efforts in the following ways:

- partnership in collaborative meetings and efforts;
- collection, sharing, and dissemination of local data;
- policy research and change;
- systems change approaches to shifting community norms, policies and practices;
- support of expansion of in-school approaches for prevention education and support;
- valuing the youth voice by partnering with youth in our work.

Our organizational staff agrees to work collaboratively with Mountain Youth to ensure our goals are in alignment with the goals of the proposed project, including efforts to track and report on outcomes. We believe that the proposed project will contribute to the health and wellbeing of youth and families in our community by preventing substance use disorders.

Sincerely,

Board of County Commissioners

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Commissioner

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