MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Bluefield State College
and
Abel Pregnancy Resource Center

WHEREAS, Bluefield State College and Abel Pregnancy Resource Center have come together to collaborate with Empowering Appalachian Families of Mercer County, as Bluefield State College applies for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant HHS-2019-ACF-ACYF-CA-1559.

WHEREAS, the partners listed below have agreed to enter a collaborative agreement in which Bluefield State College will be the lead agency and named applicant and Abel Pregnancy Resource Center will be noted in the application proposal as a collaborative member of Empowering Appalachian Families; and

WHEREAS, the partners herein desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the services to be provided by the collaborative; and,

WHEREAS the mission of Abel Pregnancy Resource Center is “to serve the needs of women with unplanned pregnancies through God’s love, help and hope.”

Bluefield State College, through its Minority Institutes and service to the Mercer County community, has a long history of collaborating with agencies on behalf of the families and individuals in Mercer County. Bluefield State College will share ongoing collaboration with Abel Pregnancy Resource Center to support the Empowering Appalachian Families of Mercer County project.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between Bluefield State College and Abel Pregnancy Resource Center as follows:

- Share data applicable to the primary and subordinate goals of the grant proposal and the Empowering Appalachian Families of Mercer County project;
- Assign member(s) to attend all meetings of the Empowering Appalachian Families of Mercer County collaborative and applicable subcommittee meetings to maintain consistent communication with the project.
- Consistently assess barriers and challenges to community-based and integrated family support services specific to Mercer County;
- Provide specific services (aligned with what is stated in agency’s letter of support);
- Participate in cross-training and celebrations of EAF’s wraparound successes;
- Utilize a single-entry referral process;

The roles and responsibilities described above are contingent upon Bluefield State College receiving funds requested for the proposed project described in the grant proposal. Responsibilities under this Memorandum of Understanding would coincide with the project period.

By: [Signature]
Signing Official: Abel Pregnancy Resource Center

By: [Signature]
Signing Official: Dr. Ted Lewis, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Bluefield State College