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Big Sky Care Connect Awarded Grant from Otto Bremer Trust

Helena, Montana – As part of the recent \$15.9 million in grants awarded by the Otto Bremer Trust (OBT) nationwide, Big Sky Care Connect (**BSCC**) was awarded - in collaboration with the Montana Medical Association Foundation - a \$100,000 grant to initiate electronic, secure access to real-time health information to improve healthcare for elderly and low-income residents throughout Montana.

“All these grants represent OBT’s ongoing commitment to responsive grantmaking”, said Daniel Reardon in a press release, the trust’s co-CEO and trustee. “These organizations are providing much-needed services despite the effects of the lingering pandemic and its continued economic impact.”

BSCC feeds data from healthcare providers across Montana into a centralized digital network – called a Health Information Exchange (**HIE**) - which serves as a real-time information portal for participating providers and payors.

Over 75 Montana healthcare organizations of all types, comprised of over 300 provider locations, have now signed-on with **BSCC**. With the help of the OBT grant, these organizations, and those that follow, are now able to take advantage of the **HIE** to create better outcomes for Montana’s elderly and low-income residents, and all Montanans.

“I believe,” said Ben Tyrrell, CEO of BSCC, “we have accomplished much in 3 years, and I’m very proud to be a part of this important work to improve the lives of Montana citizens”.

About Big Sky Care Connect

Big Sky Care Connect is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit created in 2018 to respond to the need for a state-wide coordinated health information exchange (HIE) and related services to enhance the clinical care in communities throughout Montana. Big Sky Care Connect serves to facilitate timely and secure access to clinical information between various member healthcare organizations and to engage in other activities to improve and promote public health and the quality of health care in Montana in a cost-effective manner. Big Sky Care Connect is governed by a Board of Directors made up of physicians and healthcare executives from around the state. For more information email information@mtbscc.org or call 406-422-1078.