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## **MVCHS to Discontinue Administration of Mora and Wagon Mound Senior Centers Effective July 1, 2017**

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Effective July 1, 2017 Mora Valley Community Health Services, Inc. (MVCHS) will discontinue administration of the Mora and Wagon Mound Senior Centers. MVCHS understands the importance of the services offered at the Senior Centers and MVCHS has been assured by Non-Metro AAA that operation of both centers will continue, and without interruption, as required under the Older Americans Act. Non-Metro AAA is in the process of soliciting a vendor for these services and MVCHS will assist Non-Metro AAA during the transition.

This decision was made after careful review of all options, and regrettably made due to reductions in grant funding. MVCHS is a not-for-profit 501 c (3) organization and cannot operate services without adequate funding. The State of New Mexico is experiencing significant budget shortfalls. These shortfalls have a trickle-down-effect on State agencies, as well as contractors providing services for these agencies. Substantial budget decreases have affected Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging (AAA), which funds Senior Programs throughout the State. The budget cuts are being passed down to contractors, which in this case is MVCHS. The budget decreases are so significant that MVCHS would be required to operate the Centers at a substantial financial loss.

As more information regarding the transition becomes available, MVCHS will notify senior center participants and the public.

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