A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING
Clark Fork Valley Hospital and Family Medicine Network is a not-for-profit community healthcare organization providing services to patients since 1971 in Wildhorse Plains, Montana. Clark Fork Valley Hospital is a 16 bed Critical Access facility serving the residents of Sanders County and the surrounding area. We additionally manage a Long Term Care facility with 28 resident beds.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP
Clark Fork Valley Hospital and Family Medicine Network provides healthcare to people of all ages. A practicum student’s work will focus on supporting geriatric community members and their families in community, hospital, and long-term care settings.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
Practicum students will have the opportunity to work and learn in the hospital, patient’s homes, long-term care, as well as community centers. Students will work with patients, families, social workers, doctors, nurses, aids, physical therapists, occupational therapists, respiratory therapists, financial specialists, religious leaders, and ombudsmen to provide quality care to residents in Sanders County. Specific learning opportunities are in the areas of:

- Discharge planning
- Motivational interviewing
- Patient advocacy
- Home visits
- Psycho-social assessments
- Spiritual assessments
- Bereavement assessments
- End-of-life planning (Advance Directives and POLST)
- Individual counseling (Hospice, Long-Term Care)
- Group facilitation (Long-term Care, Bereavement)
- Inter-disciplinary team meetings (Hospice, Acute Care, Long-Term Care)
- County level Adult Protective Team Meetings
- Community Out-Reach and Education
- Attend and facilitate inter-disciplinary staff trainings
- Program evaluation
- Grant writing
D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

A student will begin their practicum experience by attending an orientation where they will learn about Clark Fork Valley Hospital’s mission, values, and policies. The student will then shadow CFVH’s social worker in Acute Care, Hospice, and Long-Term Care for no less than 30 hours before drafting their Practicum Learning Agreement. The Learning Agreement should articulate how the student’s learning objectives will be achieved during their time as a practicum student at the Clark Fork Valley Hospital. It is expected that the Learning Agreement will be completed no later than 1 month or 60 hours in to a student’s practicum. Practicum students are expected to complete approximately 225 hours of service at Clark Fork Valley Hospital per academic semester.

Clark Fork Valley Hospital expects that students will focus their practicum work in 2 of these areas: Hospice, Discharge Planning, Long-Term Care, or Community Outreach and Education. The student will collaborate with CFVH’s social worker to determine how their learning objectives can be achieved while meeting the needs of patients and community members. The goal of having a practicum student is to improve the quality of care CFVH is providing to Sanders County residents. A practicum student should be able to work independently on projects and collaboratively in inter-disciplinary teams; the student will work closely with CFVH’s social worker to understand their role in different settings.

A student must complete a background check that will be paid for by CFVH before they are able to start their practicum. Results from a current tuberculin (TB) skin test will need to be submitted to CFVH before a student can begin their practicum. The student will be expected to understand and follow HIPAA regulations (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act).