San Luis Valley Public Health Partnership GUIDELINES FOR SHARED SERVICES (Revised, September 30, 2013)

We will develop and implement shared services, programs and activities if the following guidelines are met:

- Adequate and fair funding, including overhead costs have been clearly identified.
- Funding mechanisms will be assessed for sustainability.
- Development and delivery are done with community involvement and with respect for community culture.
- A demonstrated need for the service exists across counties within the Partnership.
- The cost savings, efficiencies and/or positive health outcomes can be demonstrated.
- A plan has been put in place that evaluates the effectiveness of the service or program.
- Regular communications and reporting systems have been put in place that assure accountability and transparency within the Partnership.
- We can find, develop or recruit staff with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively carry out the service or program.
- Services are prioritized among counties based on their needs, capacity and other factors and not according to an arbitrary schedule or formula.
- The management specifics of services and programs are determined on a flexible basis that takes into account political, budgetary, technical expertise, logistical and other factors that exist.