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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Virtual Crisis Care Available in Laramie County

Cheyenne, WY – The Laramie County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the launch of the Avel eCare program in Cheyenne. While the process of tele-behavioral health support is not new, this is its first implementation in our community. Avel eCare provides a convenient, safe, and consistent way to deliver behavioral health counseling to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

Historically, our efforts included co-response teams with mental health counselors—this strategy was hampered by the shortage of available professionals in the mental health field. The Avel eCare program offers a much more efficient and reliable model, allowing deputies to virtually connect individuals with licensed mental health providers, thereby increasing access to care and reducing response times.

This virtual approach enhances our ability to assist those in crisis effectively and compassionately, when emergency detention isn't warranted. It reflects our commitment to improving public safety while prioritizing the well-being of our community members.

The program was made possible through grant funding from the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police (WASCOP). We sincerely thank WASCOP for their support in helping us bring this important resource to Cheyenne.

For more information, please contact the Laramie County Sheriff's Office.



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