

Summary of Partnership
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008
Alleghany Memorial Hospital

HEALTH CAREERS, DIVERSITY & RECRUITMENT

Northwest AHEC (NW AHEC) offers health careers awareness programs (30-45 minutes per program) in schools for grades K-8 and structured programs for grades 9-12 (twenty hours or more).

Grades K-8 — A total of **56** local students and staff from Alleghany County participated in **three** health careers' presentations offered by Northwest AHEC as follows:

Date	School	Presentation*	Number of Students
4/21/08	Glade Creek Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH; Cool People, Cool Careers	56

* Puppet Bunch is designed for grades K-2, CATCH for grades 3-5, and Cool People, Cool Careers for grades 6-8.

Grades 9-12— Alleghany County did not participate in the Summer Camp Med Program which in the past has been a partnership between Alleghany County Schools, Alleghany Memorial Hospital (AMH) and Appalachian District Health. Each partnership is offered \$1,500 in support of the program which usually involves having a hospital work with the local school system to organize a one week, day camp for high school students to explore a variety of health careers. However, students from Alleghany have participated in the past and are expected to do so in the future. NW AHEC will make this offer again in November 2008 for a summer 2009 program.

There were no student representatives from Alleghany County during the NC AHEC annual "Future Leaders in Healthcare Conference" which were held during the fiscal year. The "Future Leaders in Healthcare" conference is an educational event which provides high school students from across the state, who are interested in health careers, an opportunity to learn more about health occupations while also learning more about the post-secondary programs oriented toward careers in health. Students from Alleghany County have participated in the past and it is anticipated that they will do so in the future. There were **two** student representatives from Alleghany County who participated in the summer 2008 NW AHEC Project SEARCH Academy (Student Education, Awareness and Recruitment for Careers in Health) is a one week, residential summer camp on the campus of Wake Forest University during which rising eighth grade students are exposed to a variety of health science presentations and observation tours. Information about other Northwest AHEC youth programs can be found by going to our website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Mr. Bernard Roper at (336) 713-7714.

HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENT SUPPORT

Medical/Physician Assistant Students— Many medical and physician assistant students rotate with local physicians in Alleghany County who bring students with them to see patients in their hospital. Overnight student accommodations are available if needed for all students. The Northwest AHEC Office of Regional Primary Care Education (ORPCE) provides administrative and financial support for these preceptors and students with their rotations in community settings. A total of **8** students rotated in Alleghany County for a total of **17** student weeks during this past fiscal year. Some communities have begun to use these student rotation opportunities to develop a community relationship with these students and begin to recruit their interest of potential placement when they have completed their formal health careers degrees. Interested physicians should contact Ms. Angela Hodges at (336) 713-7717.

CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Northwest AHEC CE activities are marketed to healthcare professionals of AMH. In FY08, **2** AMH unique staff members and affiliated physicians enrolled **4** times in Northwest AHEC continuing education activities. More information about CE activities can be found on our website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Ms. Marie Simos at (336) 713-7721.

Nursing Management Institute— The Nursing Management Institute (NMI), an online management curriculum for new or aspiring nurse managers, created and offered by Northwest AHEC in partnership with Greensboro AHEC, reported no enrollments from AMH. NMI is just one of several online courses available. More information can be found at the Northwest AHEC website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Ms. Ellen Kesler at (704) 210-5068.

Community Health Partnerships— Northwest AHEC provides technical assistance, consultation, and training to health coalitions in the region to support their efforts for local health improvement. Many of the current coalitions which Northwest AHEC supports are members of North Carolina's Healthy Carolinians Program. NW AHEC co-sponsors, with the Northwest Office of Healthy Carolinians Consultant, quarterly meetings of the Coalition Coordinators' Network (CCN). Currently there is no Alleghany County Healthy Carolinians group. Topics this past fiscal year were: *Charting a New Course for Chronic Illness Care in Your Community*, *African-American Churches Eating Smart and Moving More*, and *Health Literacy*. For more information about this service, go to our website: northwestahec.org or contact Ellen Kesler at (704) 210-5068.

RN Refresher Program— Northwest AHEC also offers the RN Refresher Program to nurses who want to reinstate their license or update their skills. The curriculum consists of didactic learning and a clinical practicum. Students engage in their clinical practicum at a variety of hospitals in the Northwest AHEC region with which we have contracts. AMH is not one of our RN Refresher clinical practicum sites; therefore no students were enrolled. Most institutions providing the clinical rotations for these students use the opportunity to recruit them for employment once students have successfully completed the program and have earned their RN credentials. If interested, health care organizations should contact Ms. Kay Herr at (336) 713-7720 to learn more about potential opportunities.

INFORMATION & LIBRARY SERVICES

There are no institutional members of the NW AHEC Information and Library Services in this county. More information about these services can be found at the Northwest AHEC website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Ms. Nancy Stine at (704) 210-5587.