Summary of Partnership  
July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005  
Alleghany County

Library/Information — There are no institutional or individual members of HealthLINE (Health Library and Information Network for Education) in this county. More information about this service can be found at the Northwest AHEC website -- [http://northwestahec.wfubmc.edu](http://northwestahec.wfubmc.edu) or by contacting Ms. Nancy Stine at (704) 210-5587.

Continuing Education — Northwest AHEC CE activities are marketed to healthcare professionals in Alleghany County. During this past fiscal year, 34 healthcare professionals registered 50 times for CE activities from this county.

The Nursing Management Institute (NMI), an online management curriculum for new or aspiring nurse managers, managed by Northwest AHEC reported that two nurses enrolled from Alleghany Memorial Hospital. NMI is just one of several online courses. More information about CE activities can be found on our website or by contacting Ms. Marie Simos at (336) 713-7721.

Health Careers — Northwest AHEC offers health careers awareness programs in schools for grades K-8. Local students and staff from Alleghany County participated in health careers’ presentations offered by Northwest AHEC:

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Each fall, Northwest AHEC offers the opportunity for each of its counties to implement a local Summer Camp Med program. The program involves creating a partnership between a local hospital, a local school system and NWAHEC. 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. To date, there has not been a positive response from Alleghany County. Northwest AHEC has made this offer, every November for the following summer, for the past three years and plans to do this again in November 2005 for summer 2006. Information about other Northwest AHEC youth programs can be found by going to our website and selecting the topic “Health Careers Diversity & Recruitment” or by contacting Mr. Bernard Roper at (336) 713-7714.

Northwest AHEC also offers the UNC-Chapel Hill RN Refresher Program to nurses whose licenses have lapsed. 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. There are no contracts in place in Alleghany County; therefore there are no students who completed the RN Refresher program during the past fiscal year. If interested, healthcare organizations in the county may contact Ms. Sue Ratcliffe at (336) 713-7715 to learn more about these potential opportunities.

Medical/Physician Assistant Students — Many medical and physician assistant students rotate with local physicians who bring students with them to see patients in their hospital. Overnight student accommodations are available if needed for all students. Northwest AHEC’s 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 24 students have rotated in Alleghany County for a total of 76 student weeks for this past fiscal year. Interested physicians should contact Ms. Angela Hodges at (336) 713-7717.
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. Alleghany County’s Healthy Carolinians coordinator regularly attends our Coalition Coordinators' Network meetings.

Northwest AHEC received a small grant as part of the UNC Health Initiative to be utilized with all certified Healthy Carolinians (HC) of which Alleghany County is one. Our plan was to conduct focus groups with all HC coordinators to determine their input in the design of a faculty consultation service to Healthy Carolinians partnerships from the UNC system schools. The project began in spring 2005 and will end in December 2005. One focus group was completed in FY 2004-2005. For more information about this service, go to our website: http://northwestahec.wfubmc.edu or contact Ms. Anita Pulley at (336) 713-7719.