Summary of Partnership
July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005
Alexander County Health Department

Library/Information—There were 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 or by contacting Ms. Nancy Stine at (704) 210-5587.

Continuing Education—Northwest AHEC CE activities are marketed to healthcare professionals of Alexander County Health Department. During this past fiscal year, healthcare professionals from this organization registered 3 times for CE activities.

The Nursing Management Institute (NMI), an online management curriculum for new or aspiring nurse managers, managed by Northwest AHEC did not report any enrollment from Alexander County. NMI is just one of several online courses available. 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 Alexander County participated in health careers’ presentations offered by Northwest AHEC as follows:

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<td>January 20, 2005</td>
<td>Stony Point Elementary</td>
<td>Health Careers Puppet Bunch &amp; CATCH</td>
<td>165</td>
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<td>January 21, 2005</td>
<td>West Alexander Middle School</td>
<td>Cool People, Cool Careers</td>
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Alexander County participated in the Summer Camp Med program which is a partnership between Alexander County Schools, Catawba Valley Community College, Davis Regional Medical Center, and Northwest AHEC. 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. A total of seven students participated in 32 hours of health careers exploration in Camp Med Alexander County. 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 Alexander 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. There were no student rotations in Alexander County 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. Northwest AHEC was not invited by the organizations in Alexander County to assist in their local health improvement projects. For more information about this service offered by Northwest AHEC, go to our website: http://northwestahec.wfubmc.edu or contact Ms. Anita Pulley at (336) 713-7719.