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

Library/Information—CenterPoint Human Services and Forsyth Medical Center have been members of the library services group (formerly known as Library Information Network (LINK) and now Health Library and Information Network for Education -- HealthLINE) for many years. CenterPoint and Forsyth Medical Center have each provided an annual payment of $2,547 to Northwest AHEC for library services. Attached are overall value statements and EXCEL charts showing what these healthcare entities pay compared to what would have to be paid on a fee-for-service basis and the estimated cost of housing their own basic libraries without online resources. 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 of Forsyth County Department of Public Health. During this past fiscal year, healthcare professionals from this organization registered 124 times for CE activities.

The Nursing Management Institute (NMI), an online management curriculum for new or aspiring nurse managers, managed by Northwest AHEC reported that eight nurses enrolled from Forsyth Medical Center and 56 enrolled from North Carolina Baptist Hospital. 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 Forsyth County participated in health careers’ presentations offered by Northwest AHEC:

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Forsyth County participated in the Summer Camp Med program which is a partnership between Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System, Forsyth 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 16 students participated in 20 hours of health careers exploration in Camp Med Forsyth County.

Additionally, eight students from Forsyth County participated in the NC AHECs annual “Future Leaders in Healthcare Conference” held in Greensboro last year. This educational conference provides high school students 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. Two students from Forsyth County participated in Northwest AHECs Project SEARCH Academy (Student Education, Awareness and Recruitment for Careers in Health) which is a one week residential summer camp on the campus of Wake Forest University. Rising eighth grade students are exposed to a variety of health science presentations and observation tours.
Northwest AHEC also offered the Drew Academy held at Easton Elementary School. This program is an after school science and math enrichment activity for under-represented, minority male students in grades 3 through 5. Students learn to apply science and math to cases using problem-based learning. 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. Medical Park Hospital, Forsyth Medical Center and Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center are three of our RN Refresher clinical practicum sites. During the past fiscal year, five students completed the program at Forsyth Medical Center while 11 students completed the program at WFUBMC. If interested, healthcare organizations in the county may contact Ms. Sue Ratcliffe at (336) 713-7715 to learn more about these potential opportunities.

Preceptor to Clinical Teaching Associate Program (CTAs)—In order to combat the nursing staff and nursing faculty shortage in Forsyth County, Northwest AHEC invited Forsyth Medical Center and North Carolina Baptist Hospital, and the two local nursing-education programs at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) and Forsyth Technical Community College (FTCC) to develop a collaborative program to formally train acute care nursing staff to become adjunct clinical faculty. This program has expanded the clinical training capacity of the two nursing programs so they can collectively add 210 nursing students each year. Since the program began in 2003, a total of 77 CTAs have completed the program. To learn more about the CTA Program, please call Ms. Kay Herr at (336) 713-7720.

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 336 students have rotated in Forsyth County for a total of 1,591 student weeks between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005. 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. Forsyth County’s Healthy Carolinians coordinator regularly attends the Coalition Coordinators Network meeting. There are several other projects in which we are involved in Forsyth County:
- Extensive involvement in the Forsyth County Healthy Community Coalition; member of Racial and Ethnic Disparities Work Group; facilitated an Executive Committee Retreat for the FCHCC;
- Active member of the Advocacy Team of the Forsyth County Infant Mortality Reduction Coalition, efforts focusing on reducing unintended pregnancies; regular guest/consultant to that coalition; Co-facilitated Board Retreat for the Forsyth County Adolescent Health Coalition
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- Co-sponsored Media Advocacy Training coalition coordinators and members who are involved in SPARC (Study to Prevent Alcohol Related Consequences), a grant funded project of WFU Department of Public Health Sciences, focused on reducing binge drinking on college campuses through an environmental change model.

NWAHEC received a small grant as part of the UNC Health Initiative to be utilized with all certified Healthy Carolinians (HC) of which Forsyth 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 and included representatives from Forsyth, Surry, Yadkin, and Davie counties. For more information about this service and other services and programs offered by Northwest AHEC, go to our website: [http://northwestahec.wfubmc.edu](http://northwestahec.wfubmc.edu) or contact Ms. Anita Pulley at (336) 713-7719.