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

Library/Information—Hoots Memorial Hospital has been a member 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. Hoots Memorial Hospital has provided annual payments of $6,229 to Northwest AHEC for library services. Attached are an overall value statement and an EXCEL chart showing what this medical center pays compared to what would have to be paid on a fee-for-service basis and the estimated cost of housing its own basic library without online resources. 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 Yadkin County Health Department. During this past fiscal year, healthcare professionals from this organization registered 25 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 one nurse enrolled from Hoots Memorial Hospital. NMI is just one of several online courses available. More information can be found at the Northwest AHEC 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 Yadkin County participated in health careers’ presentations offered by Northwest AHEC:

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Yadkin County participated in the Camp Med program which is a partnership between Yadkin, Surry, and Stokes County Schools, Northern Hospital of Surry County, Surry Community College, 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 26 students participated in 32 hours of health careers exploration in Camp Med Surry 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 Yadkin 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 18 students have rotated in Yadkin County for a total of 23 student weeks between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005.

Community Health Partnerships—Northwest AHEC provided 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 supported are members of North Carolina’s Healthy Carolinians Program.

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