Summary of Partnership  
July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005  
Northern Hospital of Surry County

**Library/Information**—Northern Hospital of Surry County 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. Northern Hospital of Surry County has provided an annual payment of $12,817 to Northwest AHEC for library services. Attached are an overall value statement and an EXCEL chart showing what this hospital 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](http://northwestahec.wfubmc.edu) by contacting Ms. Nancy Stine at (704) 210-5587.

**Continuing Education**—Northwest AHEC CE activities are marketed to healthcare professionals of Northern Hospital of Surry County. During this past fiscal year, healthcare professionals from this organization registered 44 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 there were no nurse enrollments from Northern Hospital of Surry County. 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 Surry County participated in health careers’ presentations offered by Northwest AHEC:

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Surry County participated in the Camp Med program which is a partnership between, Surry, Stokes, and Yadkin 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.

Additionally, two students from Surry 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 Surry 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. 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. Northern Hospital of Surry County is one of our RN Refresher clinical practicum sites where two nurses completed the 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 50 students have rotated in Surry County for a total of 221 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. In addition to the Surry County Healthy Carolinians coordinator regularly attending the Coalition Coordinators Network Meeting, Northwest AHEC has recently worked on a project with Surry County. Collaborative efforts were spent to develop a grant proposal for the UNC Health Initiative. The project was designed to teach teachers in public schools how to incorporate more physical activity into the classroom, as part of an effort to address childhood obesity. Unfortunately, the grant was not funded.

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