Summary of Partnership
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008
Broughton Hospital

HEALTH CAREERS, DIVERSITY & RECRUITMENT

Northwest AHEC (NW AHEC) offers health careers awareness programs (30-45 minutes per program) in schools for grades K-8 and structured programs for grades 9-12 (twenty hours or more).

Grades K-8— A total of **1,293** local students and staff from Burke County participated in **ten** health careers' presentations as follows:

Date	School	Presentation*	Number of Students
10/5/07	Table Rock Middle	Cool People, Cool Careers	322
1/15/08	Ray Childers Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	165
2/19/08	W.A. Young Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	139
3/3/08	Walter Johnson Middle	Cool People, Cool Careers	188
3/17/08	Valdese Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	122
4/30/08	Drexel Elementary	Puppet Bunch	79
5/12/08	East Burke Middle	Cool People, Cool Careers	278

***** Puppet Bunch is designed for grades K-2, CATCH for grades 3-5, and Cool People, Cool Careers for grades 6-8.

Grades 9-12— Burke County participated in the Summer Camp Med Program which was a partnership between Burke County Public Schools and Blue Ridge HealthCare (Grace and Valdese Hospitals) during June 2006 (**29** students) and during July 2007 (**22** students). Each partnership is offered $1,500 in support of the program which usually consists of a collaborative effort between the local hospital and 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 **22** students participated in a total of **20** hours of health careers exploration in Camp Med Burke County during the past two summers. NW AHEC will make this offer again in November 2008 for a summer 2009 program.

There was **one** student representative from Burke County during the NC AHEC annual "Future Leaders in Healthcare Conference." This educational conference provides high school students from across the state, 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. There were no student representatives from Burke County who participated in Project SEARCH Academy. The summer 2008 NW AHEC Project SEARCH Academy (Student Education, Awareness and Recruitment for Careers in Health) is a one week, residential summer camp on the campus of Wake Forest University during which rising eighth grade students are exposed to a variety of health science presentations and observation tours. Students from Burke County have participated in this program in the past and are expected to do so in the future. Information about other Northwest AHEC youth programs can be found by going to our website: **northwestahec.org** or by contacting Mr. Bernard Roper at (336) 713-7714.

HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENT SUPPORT

Medical/Physician Assistant Students— Many medical and physician assistant students rotate with local physicians in Burke County who bring students with them to see patients in their hospital. Overnight student accommodations are available if needed for all students. The NW AHEC 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 **26 students** rotated in Burke County for a total of **116 student weeks** for this past fiscal year. Some communities have begun to use these student rotation opportunities to develop a community relationship with these students and begin to recruit their interest of potential placement when they have completed their formal health careers degrees. Interested physicians should contact Ms. Angela Hodges at (336) 713-7717.

CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Northwest AHEC CE activities are marketed to healthcare professionals of Broughton Hospital. During this past fiscal year, **11** unique BH staff members and affiliated physicians enrolled **21** times in Northwest AHEC CE activities. More information about CE activities can be found on our website: **northwestahec.org** or by contacting Ms. Marie Simos at (336) 713-7721.

Nursing Management Institute—The Nursing Management Institute (NMI), an online management curriculum for new or aspiring nurse managers, created and offered by NW AHEC in partnership with Greensboro AHEC, reported no enrollments from BH. NMI is just one of several online courses available. For more information about NMI, go to our website: **northwestahec.org** or contact Ms. Ellen Kesler at (704) 210-5068.

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. NW AHEC co-sponsors, with the Northwest Office of Healthy Carolinians Consultant, quarterly meetings of the Coalition Coordinators' Network (CCN). Topics this past fiscal year were: *Charting a New Course for Chronic Illness Care in Your Community*, *African-American Churches Eating Smart and Moving More*, and *Health Literacy*. Burke County has a well-established Healthy Carolinians group who was represented by **one** attendee during the CCN meetings. For more information about this service, go to our website: **northwestahec.org** or contact Ellen Kesler at (704) 210-5068.

RN Refresher Program—Northwest AHEC also offers an RN Refresher Program to nurses who want to reinstate their license or update their skills. 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 Burke County; therefore no students were enrolled in the program this past fiscal year. If interested, health care organizations should contact Ms. Kay Herr at (336) 713-7720 to learn more about potential opportunities.

INFORMATION & LIBRARY SERVICES

Broughton Hospital was previously a member of NW AHEC Information and Library Services. More information about library services can be found at our website –**northwestahec.org** or by contacting Ms. Nancy Stine at (704) 210-5587.