

**Summary of Partnership
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008
Iredell Memorial 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 (20 hours or more).

Grades K-8-- A total of **748** local students and staff from Iredell County participated in **eight** health careers' presentations as follows:

Date	School	Presentation*	Number of Students
11/27/07	Scotts Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	125
1/3/08	Union Grove Elementary	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	94
2/27/08	Lakeshore Middle	Cool People, Cool Careers	50
3/5/08	Brawley Middle	Cool People, Cool Careers	379
4/19/08	N.B. Mills Elementary-Fair	Puppet Bunch; CATCH	100

* 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— Iredell County participated in the Summer Camp Med Program which was a partnership between Iredell-Statesville and Mooresville Graded Schools and Lake Norman Regional Medical Center. 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 **18** students participated in a total of **20** hours of health careers exploration in Camp Med Iredell County. Iredell Memorial Hospital (IMH) has been offered the opportunity to partner and host a local Summer Camp Med program for the past six years but has not accepted. NW AHEC will make this offer again in November 2008 for a summer 2009 program.

There were no student representatives from Iredell County who participated in the NC AHEC annual "Future Leaders in Healthcare Conference" held during the fiscal year. 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. However, students from Iredell County have participated in the past and it is anticipated that they will do so in the future. There were **9** student representatives from Iredell County who participated in the summer 2008 NW AHEC Project SEARCH Academy (Student Education, Awareness and Recruitment for Careers in Health)-- 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. 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 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 **62** students rotated in Iredell County for a total of **222** student weeks during this 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 IMH. In FY08, **61** IMH unique staff members and affiliated physicians enrolled **106** times in Northwest AHEC continuing education activities. More information about CE activities can be found on our website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Ms. Marie Simos at (336) 713-7721.

Iredell Memorial Hospital hosted Cancer Conferences and Grand Rounds that were accredited by the Office of Continuing Medical Education of Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

Time of Year	Activity Type	Number of Activities	Number of Participants
Fall 2007	Iredell Cancer Conference	3	32
Spring 2008	Iredell Cancer Conference	3	35
Spring 2008	Grand Rounds	3	41

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 nurse enrollments from IMH. For more information about NMI, contact Ms. Ellen Kesler at (704) 210-5068. Information about our other online courses can be found at the Northwest AHEC website: northwestahec.org

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 presented during this year's meetings included the *social determinants of health* and *how to advocate for healthier public policies*, *how to engage African American churches in health coalitions* and *how to use motivational interviewing to encourage healthy behaviors*. The Iredell County Healthy Carolinians group had no representatives in attendance during the CCN meetings this year. For more information about this service, go to our website: northwestahec.org or contact Ms. Ellen Kesler at (704) 210-5068.

RN Refresher Program— Northwest AHEC also offers the 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 NW AHEC region with which we have contracts. IMH is one of our RN Refresher clinical practicum sites where one student was enrolled during this fiscal year. Most institutions providing the clinical rotations for these students use the opportunity to recruit them for employment once students have successfully completed the program and have earned their RN credentials. If interested, health care organizations should contact Ms. Kay Herr at (336) 713-7720 to learn more about these potential opportunities.

INFORMATION & LIBRARY SERVICES

IMH has been a member of NW AHEC Information & Library Services for many years. Below is reflected IMH's usage of Northwest AHEC Information & Library Services:

	7/1/04-6/30/05	7/1/05-6/30/06	7/1/06-6/30/07	7/1/07-6/30/08
Document Delivery Request ¹	129	157	175	219
ADL ² Registered Users	40	46	14	9
ADL Users who logged into the ADL	1	2	8	9
Total Number of ADL logins	5	6	36	46
Number of Site Visits ³	2	1	4	0
Number of Search Requests	64	55	49	21
Number of Consults ⁴	8	1	56	125

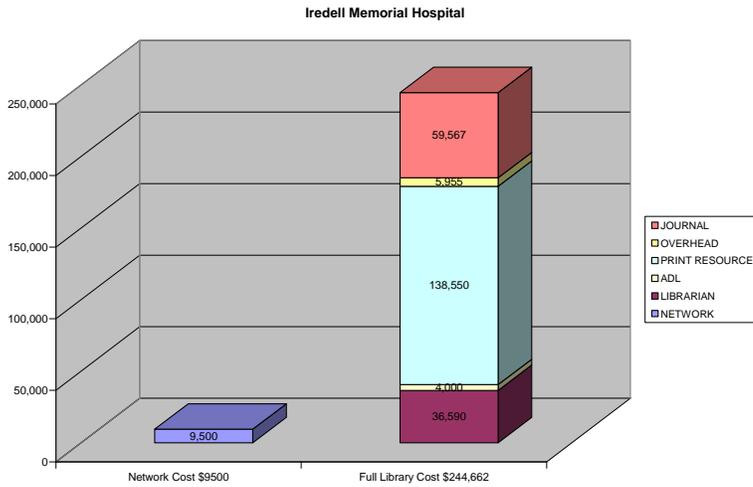
1--Materials checked out from library collection; items from library collection which have been used and reshelfed; photocopies made by library staff from library collection; and documents borrowed from a library outside of the Northwest AHEC Library system.

2 -- AHEC Digital Library

3 -- Site visits are meetings with Northwest AHEC institutional members for education, administration, promotion or consult purposes which are located away from WFUSM, Catawba Valley Medical Center, Rowan Regional Medical Center, and Watauga Medical Center.

4 -- Consults include telephone, email or in person; include number of consultations to preceptor sites; categories of assistance can range from various types of technology assists to accreditation preparation, collection development, and training library contacts.

IMH provided an annual payment of \$9,500 to NW AHEC for library services. Below is a chart which shows the fee paid by IMH compared to estimated costs if IMH were to house its own basic library without online resources. More information about this service can be found at the Northwest AHEC website: northwestahec.org or by contacting Ms. Nancy Stine at (704) 210-5587.



COMMUNITY- SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

Quality Improvement Initiative— Iredell Memorial Hospital participated in the Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) collaborative which ran from August 2007 to September 2008. This collaborative’s areas of focus were prevention of complications of surgery, particularly post-op infections, deep vein thrombophlebitis, cardiac events, and respiratory complications. A Northwest AHEC staff member volunteered and coached the SCIP team from IMH. Support was provided through conference calls, technical assistance, links to resources, and encouragement.