Summary of Partnership
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008
Northern Hospital of Surry County

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 577 local students and staff from Surry County participated in five health careers’ presentations as follows:

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<th>Date</th>
<th>School</th>
<th>Presentation*</th>
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<td>11/30/07</td>
<td>Central Middle</td>
<td>Cool People, Cool Careers</td>
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<td>Shoals Elementary</td>
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<td>Jones Intermediate</td>
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* 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 — Surry County participated in the Summer Camp Med Program which was a partnership between: Surry County Schools, Stokes County Schools, Yadkin County Schools, Elkin City Schools, Mt. Airy City Schools and Northern Hospital of Surry County (NHSC). 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 25 students participated in 20 hours of health careers exploration in Camp Med Surry County. Northwest AHEC will make this offer again in November 2008 for the summer 2009 program.

There was one student representative from Surry County who participated in the NC AHEC annual “Future Leaders in Healthcare Conference” which was 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. There was one student representative from Surry County who participated in the summer 2008 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. One student representative from Surry County participated in the Mini-Fellowship in Research Program which is a 6 week program for high school students during which they conduct hands-on research while being mentored by faculty from Winston-Salem State University or WFU School of Medicine. This program and Project SEARCH Academy are collaborations between CERTL (the Center of Research for Teaching and Learning) and Northwest AHEC. Information about other NW 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 Surry County who bring students with them to see patients in their hospital. Overnight student accommodations are available if needed for all students. The Northwest 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 32 students have rotated in Surry County for a total of 120 student weeks. 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 NHSC. In FY08, 24 NHSC unique staff members and affiliated physicians enrolled 29 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.
**Nursing Management Institute**— The Nursing Management Institute (NMI), an online management curriculum for new or aspiring nurse managers, created and offered by the Northwest AHEC in partnership with Greensboro AHEC, did not report any enrollments from Surry County. NMI is just one of several online courses. More information about online CE activities can be found at the Northwest AHEC website: northwestahec.org or by contacting 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*. The Surry County Healthy Carolinians group was represented by nine attendees during the CCN meetings. Northwest AHEC staff also provided consultation services in Surry County for the *Northwest Diabetes Today Project* mini-grants to develop ADA-approved patient self-management education programs. 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 Northwest AHEC region with which we have contracts. NHSC is one of our RN Refresher clinical practicum sites where no students were enrolled in the program during the past 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 potential opportunities.

**INFORMATION & LIBRARY SERVICES**
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