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Wilkes County
Summary of Partnership
July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

HEALTH CAREERS, DIVERSITY & RECRUITMENT

- In the past, Northwest AHEC offered highly interactive 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).
- Due to budget reductions, revisioning, and staff attrition, Northwest AHEC awareness programs, offered in schools for grades K-8 was discontinued as of June 30, 2011. A Northwest AHEC Advisory Committee has been formed and will address the role that local school systems in the 17-county region can play in planning/implementing their own awareness programs.
- A strategic review of awareness programs, their funding and role within the overall statewide AHEC mission has been conducted. The focus/emphasis is now on structured programs and Northwest AHEC will focus on grades 9-16.

Grades 9-12—

- **NC AHEC annual Future Leaders in Health Care Conference –** an educational conference for high school students statewide to learn more about health occupations as well as learn more about post-secondary programs oriented toward careers in health. **No** students participated from Wilkes County in FY12.
- **Camp Med Wilkes County** – Hosted by Wilkes Regional Medical Center where **20** students participated from **Wilkes** County. Northwest AHEC provides $1,500 in support program for each program and makes this offer each fall for the upcoming summer.
- **Project SEARCH Academy** (Student Education, Awareness and Recruitment for Careers in Health) - a one week, residential summer camp on the Wake Forest University campus; ***rising eighth & tenth grade students:*** (1) participate in a college freshman Biology Lab (rising 8th graders)/ Chemistry Lab (rising 10th graders) taught by a WFU professor; (2) are exposed to a variety of health science presentations, (3) take a medical center tour; (4) receive high school course selection advice from a guidance counselor; and (5) are matched with a HOSA mentor for the school year. **No** students participated from **Wilkes** County.
- Information about other Northwest AHEC youth programs can be found by going to our website: **northwestahec.org** or by contacting Dr. Bernard Roper at (336) 713-7714 or broper@WakeHealth.edu

HEALTH SCIENCE STUDENT SUPPORT

Medical/Physician Assistant Students

- Many **medical** and **physician assistant students** rotate with local precepting physicians and accompany them to see patients where the physicians have practicing privileges.
- 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.
- Some communities use these student rotation opportunities to develop relationships with the students for potential future placement upon degree completion. Physicians interested in becoming preceptors should contact Ms. Angela Hodges at (336) 713-7717 or ahodges@WakeHealth.edu

Health Science Student Rotations in Wilkes County

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
# Students in rotation	21	23	15	18
# Students weeks	62	75	46	53

Student week: can be 1 student for 1 week; 4 student weeks can be 1 student for 4 weeks or 4 students for 1 week each, etc.

CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTVITIES & SERVICES

- Northwest AHEC CE activities are marketed to healthcare professionals of **Wilkes** County.
- More information about CE activities can be found on our website: **northwestahec.org** or by contacting Ms. Marie Simos at (336) 713-7721or msimos@WakeHealth.edu

Wilkes County Healthcare Professionals' CE Activity

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
# Unique registrants	144	138	160	123
# Registrations	191	222	270	174

Nursing Management Institute

- 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.
- Enrolled **none** from **Wilkes** County in FY12**.**
- More information can be found on our website: **northwestahec.org** or by contacting Ms. Mona Ketner at (336) 713-7730 or mketner@WakeHealth.edu

Community Health Partnerships

- Northwest AHEC provides 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.
- Northwest AHEC co-sponsors, with the Northwest Office of Healthy Carolinians Consultant, quarterly meetings of the Coalition Coordinators' Network (CCN). This year's topics were: **grant writing, evidence-based practices in public health, building collaborative health networks, and physical activity and nutrition.**
- For more information about this service, go to our website: **northwestahec.org** or contact Ms. Ellen Kesler at (336) 713-7712 or ekesler@WakeHealth.edu

UNC Chapel Hill RN Refresher Program

- Northwest AHEC offers the UNC Chapel Hill RN Refresher Program to nurses who want to reinstate their licenses or want to update their skills.
- Curriculum consists of a didactic component and a clinical practicum.
- Students engage in their clinical practicum at a variety of hospitals in the Northwest AHEC region.
- Most institutions providing clinical rotations for these students use the opportunity to recruit them for employment upon program completion and having earned their RN credentials.
- There are no contracts in place in Wilkes County; therefore, there were no students enrolled in the UNC Chapel Hill RN Refresher clinical practicum during the past fiscal year.
- Interested health care organizations should contact Ms. Kay Herr at (336) 713-7720 or kherr@WakeHealth.edu

Quality Improvement/Regional Extension Center

- As a federally-designated "Regional Extension Center," the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers Program (NC AHEC) provides individualized, on-site electronic health record (EHR) consulting tailored to fit a primary care practice's specific needs at no charge.
- REC consultants are able to assist practices by assessing and redesigning the practice's office systems, identifying and enhancing workflows, and selecting a certified EHR system that fits the practice.
- REC consultants also provide support by helping the practice to achieve "Meaningful Use" as defined by state and federal standards.
- In FY12, a total of **102** practices were enrolled and of those, **one** is from Wilkes. The practice is: Mountain View Medical Center.
- For more information about how Northwest AHEC's Regional Extension Center can help you, contact Mr. Chris Jones at (336) 713-7039 or cjones@WakeHealth.edu or please go to www.ncahecrec.net

INFORMATION & LIBRARY SERVICES

- Wilkes Regional Medical Center (WRMC) is a member of Northwest AHEC Information and Library Services.
- Below is a chart which reflects WRMC's usage of Northwest AHEC Information and Library Services:

	7/1/08-6/30/09	7/1/09-6/30/10	7/1/10-6/30/11	7/1/11-6/30/12
Document Delivery Request[1]	26	29	59	23
ADL[2] Registered Users	54	50	56	42
ADL Users who logged into the ADL	29	21	7	7
Total Number of ADL logins	199	156	153	116
Number of Site Visits[3]	28	15; 2 EC	0	2
Number of Search Requests	10	9	3	6
Number of Consults[4]	87	152	150	171

1--Materials checked out from library collection; items from library collection which have been used and re-shelved; 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 WFSM, 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.

- More information about these services can be found at the Northwest AHEC website: **northwestahec.org** or by contacting Ms. Nancy Stine at (336) 713-8479 or nstine@WakeHealth.edu