Appalachian District Health Department

(Representing Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga Counties)

Summary of Partnership

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

HEALTH CAREERS, DIVERSITY & RECRUITMENT

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 **Alleghany**, **Ashe** or **Watauga** Counties in FY14.
- **Camp Med Alleghany County** Partnership: Alleghany County Schools, Alleghany Memorial Hospital, Appalachian District Health Department and Northwest AHEC. Coordinated and hosted by Alleghany High School, **eight** students participated from **Alleghany** County in FY14. Northwest AHEC provides $1,500 in support program for each program and makes this offer each fall for the upcoming summer.
- **Camp Med Ashe County** – Partnership: Ashe Memorial Hospital, Ashe County Schools and Northwest AHEC. Coordinated and hosted by Ashe Memorial Hospital, **12** students participated from **Ashe** County. Northwest AHEC provides $1,500 in support program for each program and makes this offer each fall for the upcoming summer.
- **Camp Med Watauga County**– **No** students participated from **Watauga** County as there was not camp was not held due to school make up days in summer because of inclement weather. 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) participated in a college freshman Chemistry Lab (rising 10th graders)/ Health & Exercise Science and Anatomy Lab (rising 12th graders) taught by a WFU professor; (2) were exposed to a variety of health science presentations, (3) took a medical center tour; and (4) received high school course selection advice from a guidance counselor. **No** students participated from **Alleghany, Ashe** or **Watauga** Counties.
- Information about other Northwest AHEC youth programs can be found by going to our website: **northwestahec.org** or by contacting Melanee Mills, MEd at (336) 713-7714 or mgmills@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 Sciences Student Rotations in Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga Counties

Alleghany County	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
# Students in rotation	3	1	2	3
# Students weeks	20	8	10	10
Ashe County	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
# Students in rotation	2	3	4	6
# Students weeks	4	6	11	28

Watauga County	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
# Students in rotation	24	22	30	31
# Students weeks	59	56	74	72

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 **Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga** Counties.
- 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

Appalachian District Health Department Healthcare Professionals' CE Activity

Alleghany County	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2013-2014
# Unique registrants	10	7	10	11
# Registrations	16	11	19	12
Ashe County	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2013-2014
# Unique registrants	10	7	10	29
# Registrations	16	11	19	47
Watauga County	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2013-2014
# Unique registrants	10	7	10	193
# Registrations	16	11	19	382

- Listed below is a summary of Grand Rounds activity, accredited by the Office of Continuing Medical Education of Wake Forest School of Medicine, conducted at Watauga Medical Center.

Time of Year	Type	Number of Activities	Number of Participants
Fall 2013	Medical Society	3	159
Spring 2014	Medical Society	5	148

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
- Total program enrollment for FY14 was **272.**
- 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's Community Health Partnerships program was initiated to enhance the work of health coalitions in our region and to link them with the resources of the NC AHEC system. Since 2000, we have co-sponsored, with the Regional NC DHHS Healthy Carolinians/Health Education Consultant, meetings of the Coalition Coordinators' Network, a networking and education venue for those involved with coalition work. Although state funding was eliminated for the county's Healthy Carolinians' consultant positions, many local counties used local or grant funds to continue; therefore, Northwest AHEC continued our support of the Northwest AHEC Coalition Coordinators' Network.
- During the past year educational topics have included promotion of healthy eating and outdoor physical activity for children, the *Affordable Care Act*, and access to mental health care. A staff member from the Wake Forest University Translational Science Institute has attended these sessions. We also continued to utilize a listserv which was established for the CCN to facilitate networking and idea sharing.
- 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 were two placements in Watauga County. There are no contracts in place for Alleghany or Ashe counties.
- Interested health care organizations should contact Ms. Kay Herr at (336) 713-7720 or kherr@WakeHealth.edu

UNC Chapel Hill RN Refresher Clinical Practicum Placements in Watauga County

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
# RN Refresher students	4	0	2	2

Quality Improvement/Regional Extension Center

- In FY14, a total of **102** practices were enrolled and of those, **1** is from **Alleghany, 5** are from **Ashe and 6** are from **Watauga.** The practices are:

Alleghany

Alleghany Family Practice, PA

Ashe

Ashe Family Healthcare
Ashe Pediatrics
High Country Family Medicine

Watauga

Appalachian Family Practice PA
Appalachian Regional Medical Associates
Blowing Rock Medical Clinic. P. A.
Blue Ridge Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine, Inc
Marshall C. Murrey, MD
Primedical Healthcare, PA

- 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

- Appalachian Regional Healthcare System (Blowing Rock Rehabilitation Hospital & Davant Extended Care Center, Cannon Memorial Hospital and Watauga Medical Center) and Ashe Memorial Hospital (AMH) are members of NW AHEC Information and Library Services.
- There were no institutional members of the NW AHEC Information and Library Services in Alleghany County.

Appalachian Regional Healthcare System	**7/1/10-6/30/11**	**7/1/11-6/30/12**	**7/1/12-6/30/13**	**7/1/13-6/30/14**
Document Delivery Request[1]	944	1,159	1212 (1236)	885
ADL[2] Registered Users	196	23	142	111
ADL Users who logged into the ADL	60	45	55 (56)	30
Total Number of ADL logins	769	524	479 (480)	316
Number of Site Visits[3]	14; 14EC	24	23	20
Number of Search Requests	60	96	44	83
Number of Consults[4]	657	699	1600	1142
Ashe Memorial Hospital	**7/1/10-6/30/11**	**7/1/11-6/30/12**	**7/1/12-6/30/13**	**7/1/13-6/30/14**
Document Delivery Request[1]	58	45	55	17
ADL[2] Registered Users	43	78	0	33
ADL Users who logged into the ADL	5	16	15	4
Total Number of ADL logins	37	126	124	103
Number of Site Visits[3]	1	6; 3 EC	4	0
Number of Search Requests	0	4	3	0
Number of Consults[4]	74	113	162	57

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, 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.
OR = orientation
EC = educational class

- 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