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Denali Training Fund
Quarterly Progress Report
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Name of Organization: University of Alaska
Name of Project: Rural Allied Health Training Project
Reporting Period: FY14, Q.1
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Expenditures to date: \$125,591
Certification: I certify that the information in this report is current, correct and true and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.
Signed by: _____ Dated _____ Jan Harris, Vice Provost for Health Programs, Office of Academic Affairs, UAA / Project PI

PROJECT SCOPE / OVERVIEW OF THIS REPORT

The University of Alaska Rural Allied Health Training Project provides training in a state wide collaboration involving three major academic units of the University. Progress for elements supported with Award #1057 is reported here. These elements are:

Award #1255
1255 E Facilitation

Scope of Work: Project Facilitation

This area of the grant provides for the overall coordination of the various initiatives, project development and interface with industry, troubleshooting and coordination across departments, colleges and MAU's, as well as reporting. These activities coordinate the initiatives of this grant in order to replicate lessons learned and promote a cohesive effort on behalf of rural Alaskans.

Activities for this Reporting Period

- Budget review and FY14 development – working on outcomes and spending projections for this current fiscal year - ONGOING
- Close out reports for programs moving off of Denali funding this year - ONGOING

- Meeting with each program Director to discuss plans for FY14 and an individual program sunset plan – ONGOING
 - Meet with each program Director to review spending patterns and either revise current budget or project remaining funds for projects in close-out status
 - This happens every quarter!
- Facilitate quarterly UA workgroup meetings in HCR-HIM-HIT and CNA/PCA, CNA white paper developed discussing barriers to training in rural areas (attached along with this report)
- Researching other sources of funding and advocating for Denali-funded programs continues to be a top priority
- New project authorizations with updated scopes of work for award 1255 have been submitted. New requests in Telehealth education and equipment/technology for the Bristol Bay campus nursing classroom

Activities for Next Reporting Period:

- Reviewing projects that have underspent significantly over FY13 and discussing budget reviews with Project Directors. Requested small “shovel ready” allied health projects in case larger projects don’t spend this year. Outfitting EMT/paramedic program classrooms for distance delivery is one request already received.
- Continued workgroup meetings, CNA workgroup is especially active as Bethel was approved for a program, Nome is preparing an application, and Barrow is interested in their own program as well.
 - A Certified Medical Assisting workgroup has been established both to address CMA education needs but also to look at the potential to take CNA’s to a CMA level of training and certification, to meet rural needs for a more “universal worker”. This group will meet for the first time December 3rd.
- The UA Allied Health Alliance will meet October 11th in Anchorage
- Employment data received and being analyzed by my office and the Institute for Social and Economic Research.
 - 10 year Denali Commission Rural Allied Health project summary in progress, anticipated date for completion: December 1 if data is “released” by ISER.