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Denali Training Fund Quarterly Progress Report

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Reporting Period: January – March 2008, Phase IIIB 3 rd Qtr and FINAL
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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: <i>Don Harris</i> Dated <i>4/15/08</i>
Title: <i>Associate Dean, CHSW / Project PI</i>

1. In a few sentences, please describe the scope of your project:

The current long term goal for the CNA program project is to implement a fully functional distance delivery course, approved by the State Board of Nursing, and serving the need in rural Alaska.

The distance delivery model will allow students to participate in lecture, content material, class discussions, and exam review, via the internet and audio conference with a primary instructor in another community. A second instructor, in the student's own community, will provide clinical and lab instruction including weekly material review and extensive skills lab practice. A clinical instructor (either the second instructor or a third one) would be responsible for supervision of all student activities during clinical rotation portions of the course – either in their home community or as close to home as possible. This model calls for close coordination between the instructors.

2. Project Activities for this Reporting Period:

Describe the grant activities that happened during this report period. Include planning, advertisement and/or training performance that occurred this quarter? List any accomplishments achieved. (Attach advertisements if applicable)

CNA courses are offered in Sitka each semester, including summer semesters as community needs are identified. Spring semester 2008 has a total of 8 local students enrolled in a trial for the distance delivery method of lecture content, quizzes, homework assignments, and communications. Student are required to attend a mandatory weekly lab/material class meeting to review material, answer questions, and practice and perform CNA skills.

PCA and Bridge courses are offered each semester, however, there has been no inquiry for any PCA courses. Classes are cancelled if enrollment for the course does not meet minimum enrollment requirements. Distance Education Bridge courses are beginning to have an increase in interest and inquiries. Students interested in a distance delivered bridge course are screened when inquiring about enrollment to determine campus ability to meet their needs. For the Spring 2008 semester a student in the Juneau area permitted to enroll in HS 104 PCA to CNA Distance Delivered Bridge course. The student has completed all lecture components online along with audio discussions with primary Sitka instructor. The student was able to complete the required skills lab and required clinical hours with the current Juneau clinical instructors. The student has applied for the State Certification CNA Exam to be taken with the next Juneau scheduled proctored exam date.

Sitka continues with the use of online materials with CNA face-to-face courses to supplement the availability of required course materials to the students. This has proven to be a very positive addition for students by allowing access to upcoming assignments, weekly expectations, along with testing information, clinical information, upcoming due dates, etc. Many non-traditional students have benefited from this model, which allows them to continue to earn a living and meet family obligations, while still pursuing their educational goals. Support has been constant and readily available for all students, whether it is technical assistance or course related assistance. Students are also given various opportunities and access to the CNA lab to practice required skills. Students are also highly encouraged to participate in group activities to assist peers with understanding concepts of the course.

A site visit of the Haines area was conducted by the Primary Sitka Instructor (Diane Mille) in February 2008. Both clinical facilities were examined to determine if they would meet the requirements needed for CNA students. A complete application, which details all aspects of supervised students training has been prepared and submitted to the Board of Nursing along with the completed resume for the intended lab/clinical instructor who resides in the Haines area (Rebecca Malone). Approval will allow the campus to use these facilities and this instructor for the distance delivered course.

3. Scheduled Project Activities/Important Dates for next quarter:

Describe your planned activities and training for next few months. Please include important dates like graduation, site visits, travel, job fairs, etc.

Sitka campus will offer a first time trial of the approved Bridge Course, HS 104, to a group of PCA students in the Haines area. They will enjoy support of the community, health care resources, and general community to be successful in this course.

Adjustments to the course (increasing hours and credits) will be formalized by the Health Science Curriculum Committee.

Local Sitka CNA students are set to graduate April 26th and will take the State Certification Exam on April 24th and 25th. The Haines Distance group is scheduled to begin on May 12th and will run for approximately 3 months. When the Haines students have completed their training and are approved to take the State Certification Examination, Diane Mille will travel to Haines to Proctor the written and skills portion of the exam to the students who are eligible and approved for testing.

The PCA/CNA Work Group will meet May 6 to further discuss implementation of distance delivery throughout the state.

4. a. How many are in your training program during this reporting period?

Spring 2008 semester – 8 full CNA (9 credit course) students, 1 distance student for HS 104.

b. How many people have been trained and/or certified to date from this grant?

See attached Roster

5. Please list the community to which each individual trained is from, the type of training and certification, the graduation date and who will employ them upon completion of training.

See attached Student Roster

6. Please identify any problems or changes in your training project that will affect the budget, scope or timeline of the project. Is your training on schedule? What are the reasons for any difficulties or delays? Are you over budget/under budget? Have you had to change the initial scope? Please provide an explanation to this change and your resolution to the variance.

Enrollment and delivery of the Haines training is contingent upon the Board of Nursing approval for the Haines clinical sites and instructor.

7. How are you or will you be evaluating the individuals being trained to ensure competency, skill level and understanding? (Testing, assessment, etc)

All students are tested weekly on content and material. Students are tested for a proctored mid-term exam and a fully comprehensive exam at the end of the program. Students must complete the full skills checklist sheet during clinical rotations, which covers all skills listed in the State of Alaska Statutes and Regulations for the Board of Nursing. The completed checklist is turned in at the end of rotation. Students are also required to have a daily Preceptor Evaluation Form completed by the preceptor for the day, which is turned into the instructor in a sealed envelope. This evaluation is confidential and not available for the student to review.

8. Please identify areas that we can assist you in the future.

The demand for distance delivered programs continues to grow and expand every semester across our State. The newly formed CNA distance workgroup has been identified and met to plan on the best way to meet the needs identified across the state. As the PCA/CNA Work Group meets to discuss the costs of expanding the program: instructors, administrative support, faculty travel, and supplied (both fixed and consumable) funding needs may be identified.

Student Roster - Denali Commission Funded Program - UAS Sitka Campus

Program: Personal Care Assistant (PCA), Certified Nurse Aid (CNA) & Bridge to CNA (from PCA)						Reporting Period:	Denali 3B 7/1/07-12/31/07		
Home Community	Course Number & Name of Courses Completed					Expected/ Actual Graduation Date	Certification Eligibility	Expected Employment/ Employer After Completion	
	PCA HS 103 4 credit hrs	Bridge to CNA fm PCA HS 104 4 credit hrs	CNA HS 105 9 credit hrs						
Sitka			12/17/2004			12/17/2004	NO		
Sitka			12/17/2004			12/17/2004	CNA Licensure		
Sitka			12/17/2004			12/17/2004	CNA Licensure		
Sitka			12/17/2004			12/17/2004	CNA Licensure		
Sitka			12/17/2004			12/17/2004	CNA Licensure		
Medina, NY			12/17/2004			12/17/2004	CNA Licensure		
Sitka			12/17/2004			12/17/2004	NO		
Sitka			12/17/2004			12/17/2004	CNA Licensure		
Sitka			12/17/2004			12/17/2004	CNA Licensure		
Sitka			12/17/2004			12/17/2004	CNA Licensure		
Sitka			12/17/2004			12/17/2004	CNA Licensure		
Sitka			12/17/2004			12/17/2004	CNA Licensure		
Sitka			12/17/2004			12/17/2004	CNA Licensure		
Sitka			12/17/2004			12/17/2004	CNA Licensure		
Sitka			5/25/2005			5/25/2005	CNA Licensure		
Sitka			12/17/2005			12/17/2005	CNA Licensure		
Sitka			12/17/2005			12/17/2005	CNA Licensure	Pioneer Home-Sitka	
Sitka			12/17/2005			12/17/2005	CNA Licensure		
Sitka			12/17/2005			12/17/2005	CNA Licensure	home care-family members	
Sitka			12/17/2005			12/17/2005	CNA Licensure	Sitka Pioneer Home	
Sitka			12/17/2005			12/17/2005	CNA Licensure	SEARHC	
Sitka			12/17/2005			12/17/2005	CNA Licensure	Sitka Community Hospital	
Big Lake							NO	subsequently rec'd license	
Soldotna		5/26/2006					NO		
Kenai		5/26/2006					NO		
Wasilla							NO		
Sutton, AK		5/26/2006					NO		
Chickaloon							NO		
Wasilla		5/26/2006					CNA Licensure		
Palmer		5/26/2006					CNA Licensure		
Kenai							NO		
Kasilof		5/26/2006					CNA Licensure		
Bethel							NO		
Anchorage							NO		
Anchorage							NO		
Palmer		5/26/2006					CNA Licensure		
Kenai							NO		
Soldotna							NO		
Wasilla							NO		
Anchorage							NO		
Eagle River							NO		
Kenai		5/26/2006					CNA Licensure		
Anchorage							NO		
Soldotna		5/26/2006					NO		
Kenai							NO		
Eagle River		5/26/2006					CNA Licensure		
Wasilla							NO		
Kasilof		5/26/2006					CNA Licensure		
Wasilla		5/26/2006					CNA Licensure		

Sutton, AK		5/26/2006						CNA Licensure	
		5/26/2006						CNA Licensure	
Soldotna		5/26/2006						CNA Licensure	
Wasilla		5/26/2006						CNA Licensure	
Wasilla								NO	
Palmer		5/26/2006						CNA Licensure	
		5/26/2006						CNA Licensure	
Anchorage								NO	
Sitka			5/19/2006				5/19/2006	CNA Licensure	Mountainside Family Health Care
Sitka			5/19/2006				5/19/2006	CNA Licensure	
Sitka			5/19/2006				5/19/2006	CNA Licensure	Pioneer Home- Sitka
Sitka			5/19/2006				5/19/2006	CNA Licensure	Pioneer Home- Sitka
Sitka			5/19/2006				5/19/2006	CNA Licensure	SEARHC
Sitka			5/19/2006				5/19/2006	CNA Licensure	
Sitka			5/19/2006				5/19/2006	CNA Licensure	Pioneer Home- Sitka
Sitka			12/16/2006					CNA Licensure	Sitka Community Hospital
									Mountainside Family Health Care
Sitka			12/16/2006					CNA Licensure	
Sitka			12/16/2006					CNA Licensure	
Sitka			droppedNB					*****	
Sitka			12/16/2006					CNA Licensure	Mountainside Family Health Care
Sitka			12/16/2006					CNA Licensure	
Sitka			12/16/2006					CNA Licensure	studying for RN
Sitka			has not taken the exam					*****	
Sitka			12/16/2006					CNA Licensure	studying for RN
Sitka			12/16/2006					CNA Licensure	
Sitka			12/16/2006					CNA Licensure	Sitka Community Hospital
Sitka			6/22/2007					CNA Licensure	
Sitka			dropped					*****	
Sitka			6/22/2007					CNA Licensure	SEARHC
Sitka			did not complete					*****	
Sitka			6/22/2007					CNA Licensure	Sitka Community Hospital
Sitka			6/22/2007					CNA Licensure	
Sitka			did not pass exam					*****	
Sitka			5/25/2007					CNA Licensure	
Sitka			5/25/2007					CNA Licensure	
Sitka			5/25/2007					CNA Licensure	
Sitka			5/25/2007					CNA Licensure	
Sitka			5/25/2007					CNA Licensure	
Juneau			5/25/2007					CNA Licensure	
Sitka			5/25/2007					CNA Licensure	
Sitka			8/18/2007				8/18/2007	CNA Licensure	n
Sitka			8/18/2007				8/18/2007	CNA Licensure	n
Sitka			8/18/2007				8/18/2007	CNA Licensure	y
Sitka			8/18/2007				8/18/2007	CNA Licensure	n
Sitka			8/18/2007					NO	
Sitka			8/18/2007				8/18/2007	CNA Licensure	studying for RN
Sitka			12/15/2007				12/15/2007	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			12/15/2007				12/15/2007	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			12/15/2007				12/15/2007	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			12/15/2007				12/15/2007	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			12/15/2007				12/15/2007	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			12/15/2007				12/15/2007	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care

Sitka			12/15/2007					12/15/2007	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			12/15/2007					12/15/2007	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			12/15/2007					12/15/2007	CNA Licensure	Mountainside Family Health Care
Sitka			12/15/2007					12/15/2007	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			12/15/2007					12/15/2007	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			12/15/2007					12/15/2007	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			12/15/2007					12/15/2007	CNA Licensure	CNA in a medical clinic
Sitka			12/15/2007					12/15/2007	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			12/15/2007					12/15/2007	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			4/26/2008					4/26/2008	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			4/26/2008					4/26/2008	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			4/26/2008					4/26/2008	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			4/26/2008					4/26/2008	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			4/26/2008					4/26/2008	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			4/26/2008					4/26/2008	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			4/26/2008					4/26/2008	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Sitka			4/26/2008					4/26/2008	CNA Licensure	Long Term Care
Juneau		4/25/2008	4/26/2008					4/26/2008		Long Term Care