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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 – Radiologic Careers
Reporting Period: January – March 2008 , Phase IIIB 3rd 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: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Dated <u>4/15/08</u>
Title: <u>Associate Dean, CHSW / Project PI</u>

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

The limited radiography program is a four-course, on-line; distance-delivered certificate program that prepares workers in health care settings to take basic x-rays and also provides an opportunity for individuals to explore the field. It is presently deployed in several areas of the state. The program leads to an occupational endorsement.

Radiography is a developing career area and specialties evolve with changes in technology. It has been especially difficult for rural facilities to recruit workers in this field. UAA currently offers three radiographic programs: limited radiography, radiographic technology, and mammography.

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)

The Spring semester began with four classes offered and 9 students enrolled. The sixth cohort made up of 4 students started the RADT 101 course. Example locations: southeast, YK Delta and Interior. Retention from the first to second course has been a challenge. A great deal of effort was made to support those students from the Fall cohort and all three continued with the RADT 102 course. The group started service to another part of the state: the Aleutians.

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.

Extensive effort has been spent by the Trainee Success Coordinator and the faculty member to “get the word out” about these courses. They attended several Career Fairs, particularly in Sitka at Mt Edgecumbe, where she interacted with hundreds of students. Mailings were done to Tribal Health organizations and Community campuses about the course offering in Spring.

4. a. How many are in your training program during this reporting period? 7

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 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.

The bill before the Alaska Legislature that would establish licensure requirements for health providers who take radiographic images did not pass this session. When it does pass, there will be a large demand for this program offering.

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

Accreditation standards require the programs to be competency based. The specific competencies are included in the syllabus for each course.

8. Please identify areas that we can assist you in the future. See OTHER ACTIVITIES report.

