Eastern Montana Area Health Education Center (EMT-AHEC)

Connecting students to careers, professionals to communities
and communities to better health

MT ORH/AHEC Report March 2017

Staff: Mary Helgeson, Center Director/HealthCARE MT Workforce Coordinator
Suzie Thomas, WWAMI/AHEC Student Placement Coordinator
Nikole Bakko, Outreach Coordinator
Pat Reuss, HealthCARE MT Career Coach
Taylor Jones, AmeriCorps Member

Eastern Montana AHEC Director and HCMT Workforce Coordinator: Mary Helgeson
- Continue working with 10 Critical Access Hospitals in our region
- Education with employers on healthcare apprenticeships
- Work with Health 360 (formerly Connecticut AHEC) on bringing an AmeriCorps member to Billings to teach Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Sit on the RiverStone Health Wellbeing Committee; Trauma Informed Care Committee; Rural Health Initiative Committee; Billings Works Education Committee

Youth Mental Health First Aid AmeriCorps Member: Taylor Jones
- Eleven trainings with a total of 121 people
- Continue making contacts in the Billings region for future trainings

Continuing Education and Outreach Coordinator: Nikole Bakko

Kindergarten – 12th grade:
- Red Lodge REACH Camp
- Strengthening RiverStone Health partnership with Orchard School
- STEM Saturdays: Skyview High School; K-6 at the Career Center
- Educator for a Day – Business members spend half day at local schools
- Girls in Science – Girls grades 4-8. Full day of STEM activities
- Curriculum-in-a-Box demos at elementary schools
- MedCareers – high school seniors shadowing at RiverStone hospice home and dental clinic
- Jobs for Montana Graduates Conference
- Boy Scout Merit Badge camp
Continuing Education: Nikole Bakko

- Basic X-Ray Techniques Workshops twice/year. Approximately 40 total attendees
- One Day Continuing Education Class twice/year. Approximately 55 total attendees

WWAMI/AHEC Students: Suzie Thomas

- Five 3rd year track students; sixty 3rd year rotating students; five 4th year track students; 2 R/UOP students; 1 medical student from Mongolia (partnership with MSU and BioRegions International)
- Six Frank Discussions: dinner/learning events at the WWAMI student house
- Various site visitors from the University of Washington School of Medicine
- Coordination of all other discipline student rotations (Pharmacy, dental, PA, undergraduate)
- Proctor exams for WWAMI students every 4-6 weeks
- Big Sky WWAMI Conference

Health Professions Career Coach: Pat Reuss

- Continues to meet with prospective students for HealthCARE Montana
- Fairs: Little Big Horn College, Veteran’s Mini-Summit; Billings Jobs Jamboree, Stand-Down, MSUB, etc.
- Member of the HCMT Marketing Committee

EMT AHEC Advisory Council:

- Meeting dates for 2017: February, April, June, August, October, December
- Council members: Scott Anderson, Principal Billings Career Center; Madeline Boehm, DLI/HealthCARE MT; Bo Bruinsma, DLI/HealthCARE MT; Dr. Carl Castles; Professor, MSUB; Liz Ching, Governor’s Office of Economic Development, Norma Cleveland, HealthCARE MT Transformation Specialist, City College; Crystal Colliflower, Admin Officer, Northern Cheyenne Service Unit; Blakely Daniels, HR Manager, St. Vincent Healthcare; Delilah Duffy, Chief Nursing Officer, Central Montana Medical Center; Cheryl Graner, HR Asst, Mental Health Center; Dr. Mike Hartman, HealthCARE MT Transformation Specialist, Chief Dull Knife College; Bill Hodges, Dr. Big Horn Hospital Foundation; Jay Lemelin, Adult Education Director; Dianna Linder, Dr. of Grants, Billings Clinic; Libby Markus, VP Health Services, St. John’s Lutheran Ministries; Sharon Peterson, Montana BioScience Alliance; Calley Thompson, Admissions Counselor, Rocky Mountain College PA Program; Ryan Tooke, CEO Rosebud Health Care Center; and Ryan Van Ballegooien; Manager Billings Job Service.