Summary of activities: April 2014 – Winter 2014

Staff: Mary Helgeson, Director
Suzie Thomas, WWAMI/AHEC Student Placement Coordinator
Claudia Janecek, Continuing Education Coordinator
Melissa Guaderrama, PNWU Student Placement Coordinator

K-12 Programs:

Research and Explore Awesome Careers in Healthcare (REACH) Camps:
REACH camps focus on introducing high school students to healthcare careers through partnerships with local medical facilities.

- Billings, July 25 (students from HRDC) to learn about Public Health
- Glendive, July 30 (first time offering as a summer camp)
- Red Lodge, October 8
- Lewistown, November 12
- Miles City, November 18

MedStart Summer Camp: July 13-18, 2014; MSUB

- 6 day camp (Sunday – Friday). Housed in MSUB dorms (27 students from Belgrade, Hinsdale, Emigrant, Billings, White Sulphur Springs, Custer, Conrad, Choteau, Plentywood, Deer Lodge, Seeley Lake, Gardiner, Hamilton, Red Lodge, Lame Deer, Roberts, Browning, Fort Benton, Joliet, Valier and Roundup). Students will job shadow, be at St. Vincent Healthcare, RiverStone Health (a day of Public Health), wilderness medicine in Red Lodge, go to Mustangs game, etc.
- 2 other camps: Great Falls - June 15-20; Missoula - June 22-27. Total of 88 students

AHEC Students:
- From July 1, 2013 – present: 12 pharmacy students; 4 PA students; 2 dental students; 10 fourth-year students; 30 students shadowing; 35 nursing students; 3 FNP, 4 dietician, 3 Naturopathic, 8 athletic training, 51 general shadowing in all other areas

WWAMI:
- 4 track students for 2014-2015 class (at least 5 of their 6 clerkship rotations will be in Billings).
- This summer we will have 8 R/UOP (Rural/Underserved Opportunities Program) students in eastern Montana. This 4 week experience is for students between their first and second years of medical school. Locations: 2 students in Lewistown, Hardin, Forsyth, Billings, Miles City, Red Lodge and Columbus.
- Dr. Strote, University of Washington Emergency Medicine Department Chair, site visit to establish Emergency Medicine rotation at Billings Clinic for 4th year medical students
Welcome BBQ at student house, July 7, 5:30pm. We will welcome all the new WWAMI and PNWU medical students and give awards to lead preceptors.

PNWU (Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences):
- 3 third-year students and 3 fourth-year students for 2014-2015
- Graduation was May 11. Pre-conference May 9 & 10
- MOMA (Montana Osteopathic Medicine Association) Conference, Bozeman, Aug 7-10

Continuing Education:
- Continuing Ed for X-ray Limited Permit Holders: Saturday, April 26, 60 participants
- Basic Life Support in Obstetrics all-day workshop: Saturday, May 3; RiverStone Health conference rooms. 18 registered. Very successful.
- We will receive a HRSA grant of $1500 since we presented information about the Affordable Care Act to health professionals.
- Basic X-Ray Techniques workshop: Sept 5, 6, 7, 8, 19, 20, 21, 22

Community Involvement:
- Partnership of RiverStone Health with Orchard Elementary and Riverside Middle Schools
- Healthy Spaces Coalition – community members and RiverStone Health staff working towards walking paths around our campus. Artwork will be integrated throughout the paths. Funding provided by the Kresge Foundation.
- JMG (Jobs for Montana Graduates) career fair; April 30. Presented to 110 high school students about healthcare careers.

EMT AHEC Advisory Council:
- Termed members: Larry Brence (Miles City), Carl Castles and Kay Schwartz (Billings)
- New members: Nadine Elmore (Ekalaka-Dahl Memorial Healthcare Assn CEO), Gary Plasscheart (Glendive Medical Center, Ageing Services Administrator), Scott Anderson (Billings Career Center Principal)

On-going:
- Coordination of WWAMI student rotations
- Coordination of PNWU student rotations
- Coordination of all other discipline student rotations
- Proctor exams for WWAMI and PNWU students every 4-6 weeks
- New partnership with Riverside Middle School. Cooking classes
- Research grants to support programs