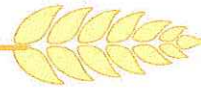


Colorado Rural Health Care GRANT PROGRAM



FINAL REPORT TEMPLATE

This form must be signed and returned with the Grant Report Narrative. Please complete and return this report by October 1, 2010. No further grant requests from your organization can be considered until this report has been completed and returned.

Name of organization reporting: Durango School District 9-R

Dates covered by this grant: from July 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010 (Extended from June 30,2010)

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Amount of Grant: \$40,752

Purpose of Grant: To increase access to primary health care for uninsured and underinsured students by initially remodeling a classroom space at Florida Mesa Elementary School to accommodate a school based health center.

I hereby certify that the above and attached statements are true and accurate.

Signature of Executive Director or Authorized Board Officer

Date

I. NARRATIVE (maximum of 3 pages, exclusive of photographs and testimonials)

A. Results/Outcomes

1. Please describe the progress made toward the stated goals and objectives related to this specific grant.

Goal: To increase access to primary health care for uninsured and underinsured students, including family behavioral health & preventive dental services.

Objective: To remodel a Florida Mesa Elementary School (FME) classroom space to accommodate nursing and school based health center services by October 1, 2009.

Result: This has been a long arduous journey to open a SBHC at FME. It has not yet opened because we have not received matching funding to finish the remodel process and begin operations. The following pieces are in place and we are poised to move forward.

The Story: After receiving a \$20,000 Planning Grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) in 2007 and spending a year planning for the FME SBHC, implementation funding for opening the clinic was shifted from CDPHE to the Colorado Health Foundation (CHF). Before granting implementation funds, CHF required us to apply for another Planning Grant from them to develop a business plan for FME SBHC. We applied and received another \$20,000 In October of 2009. A business plan was developed and an implementation grant request was submitted in Jan. of 2010. That grant included \$60,00 for remodeling to match the CO Rural Health funds. We were told we could not submit the implementation plan without 3 construction bids for the remodel. Using the CO Rural Health monies, we hired an architect, developed blue prints, obtained 3 bids for remodeling, selected a construction company and were ready to start remodeling June 1, 2010. Local and state permits were in place. In March 2010, we obtained an additional \$5,000 one time grant for SBHC furniture for FME which was purchased and included an exam table and waiting room furniture. On May 30 2010, the CHF denied our implementation grant stating that the future utilization portion of the business plan was weak. Everything came to a dead halt. However, not willing to give up, we wrote another business plan and submitted a new implementation grant for FME SBHC to the CHF on July 15, 2010. Apparently, we will be informed about the results of that submission in mid-October. We will also apply for the federal SBHC HRSA grant for SBHC construction when it is released again in late September or early October.

What is in Place:

Rural Health Grant – \$49,152. All monies have been spent for architectural professional fees, blueprints, permits. The architect, Tim Flanagan, will move forward with project management and coordination as soon as the matching \$60,000 is obtained from the CHF or the federal HRSA grant. The school district will not allow any more work to happen until the money is in hand. Tim is an ardent advocate of this project (his wife teaches at FME) and has donated large amounts of time to move it forward. He will not charge any additional monies to finish the project. All permits are good for a year and the local construction company will also honor the original bid for a year. Furniture and clinic equipment have been purchased and is being stored at FME.

Will this ever come to fruition? Yes – we are not giving up. Next anticipated opening date – Feb. 2011.

2. What difference did this grant make in your community or neighborhood and for the population you are serving? Please discuss evidence of effect (e.g. numbers served, demographic information, community indicators, outcomes, client satisfaction survey results, etc.). *Note: If*

you have evaluation materials that document outcomes and impacts of your work, feel free to attach in lieu of answering this or other questions.

The community's need for health care for low-income and underserved children continues to grow. The SBHC at Durango High School is very small with only 1 exam room and geared toward adolescents but we have announced to the public that we will serve all children in need of care in all 10 schools in the 9R district. Our capacity to serve younger children is limited but the numbers continue to grow, further supporting the need to open a SBHC at Florida Mesa Elementary for younger children.

Number of Students Served at DHS SBHC I	2009-2010	2008-2009
Unduplicated Students	806	443
# of Visits to Providers – Total	1,720	1,519
Breakdown of Visits by type		
Comprehensive physical exams	98	96
Acute Illness	316	268
Family Planning Students	415	333
Behavioral therapy	730	673
Psychotropic Medication Visits	71	8
Dental Cleanings	24	24
Students Receiving Vaccines	66	50

Students/families enrolled in Medicaid at the SBHC	21	0
Students/families enrolled in CHP+ at the SBHC	15	0
Classroom Education – HIV, STIs, Suicide Screening	818	750

Number of Outreach Efforts – 2009-2010

Monthly advertisement in the student newspaper
Weekly announcement in the student/school e-mail
Health Expo – increase in # of interactive booths from 7-to 12. Newspaper coverage
Development by a student of a SBHC web site that is linked to the high school web site
Presentation to the principals of the feeder schools – Park, Riverview, Needham, Escalante
Presentation to the board of Axis Health Systems (Southwest Colorado Mental Health)
Power point presentation to community physicians at Mercy Medical Center
Presentation to Rotary Clubs
SBHC Open House to the Community

3. Describe collaborations, if any, related to the work funded by this grant and how it impacted your efforts.

In order to support grants for FME SBHC, Southwest Colorado Mental Health Center (dba Axis Health System) agreed this year to become our medical sponsor and signed a MOU in March, 2010. Because Axis does not yet have the capacity to bill primary care, Mercy Regional Medical Center has agreed to provide a paper billing system for FME SBHC. Both organizations are major players in the local health care community.

The greatest frustration and barrier to achieving our goals has been the lack of communication, clear guidelines, and coordination amongst the other funders. After three years, \$94,000, and hundreds of hours of administrative time – children are still not receiving services. However, this lesson in patience and persistence strengthens our resolve to achieve the goal of increasing access to health care for low income children in this community.

B. Photographs and Testimonials

1. Please provide any photographs or testimonials that demonstrate the impact the project has had on the community.

Testimonials Regarding the Opening of a SBHC at Florida Mesa Elementary Responses from parents in the community:

"I wholeheartedly support the idea of an SBHC for elementary school age children. I see a tremendous need for these services in our community with so many "middle class" families struggling with insurance issues. If a SBHC receives funding and is built I would use its services. My son was seen once at DHS and it was a positive experience." Liv M

"Our family has to drive almost 50 miles round trip to receive health care at the Ignacio Indian Health Services clinic. Since the clinic was taken over by the Southern Ute Tribe, our primary care physician was re-assigned and now we do not have a relationship with any of the providers. We would have to drive 100 miles round trip to see our former primary care provider. We are anxiously awaiting the opening of the Florida Mesa School Based Health Center and would definitely use its services. Our children attend school at Florida Mesa and we feel this would be a huge asset to the community. How soon can you open?" Melissa B.

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"As the mother of a second grader at Florida Mesa Elementary, I am approached several times a week at the school as to when the School Based Health Center will open its doors. I have heard so many stories of parents struggling to meet high insurance co-pays, navigate the paper trails of Medicaid and CHP+, be able to leave work to bring their children to a doctor's office, and find a physician who cares for their whole child. As the Medical Director of the Durango High School Based Health Center, and a primary care provider there, I have already begun to help care for many of the elementary and middle-school aged students in the 9R school system at the high school. The need in La Plata County is compelling, and the demand is constant." Kristen R.

"To Whom It May Concern,

The opening of a school based clinic at Florida Mesa Elementary would be a very welcome and needed addition to the Durango community. I live in the Florida Mesa district, and I am very familiar with the care providers who would be providing the care at this facility. The quality of care and the convenience will make this clinic a place where I will take my family for care."

Sincerely, Megan E.

Single mother of two 9R children.

Responses from parents at Escalante Middle School to the SBHC CHP+/Medicaid Outreach specialist regarding opening a SBHC at FME:

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- Jennifer G. "My son has ADHD, so it is really important to me that those that are treating him understand his condition and know who he is, so yeah if there was a clinic in the school that would fit the bill."

Petrina B. "Yes, I would use the clinic both of my kids have problems with their bite, so I would like that to be watched closely. Also my son gets what I call migraine headaches, and I can't afford to take him to the doctor. Same with my daughter, I would really like to get her in for a physical and have that be performed by a female professional that we could trust."

Erin B. "Yes I think it would be great to have a clinic in the school, it would be really helpful for the working parent like myself"

Dennis S. "Yeah a SBHC would be a great service for my kids and me, especially during the fall and winter when they seem to get sick so often, I would not have to be concerned about missing hours at work."

Lorenzo A. "Yes I would have my student use the clinic. It is really hard for me to get around so if I wouldn't have to worry about that, and how my daughter is going to get the care she needs, it would really take the burden away from me."

Thomas D. "Yeah I would allow my kids to use the clinic, as access to healthcare should be something that is easily available and with it in the school, it is good to go. I think it is kind of cool."

2. Please provide an example of a success story that demonstrates the benefit of the project to your community.

C. Future Plans

1. What are the plans for sustaining the impact of the use of these funds? **Once Florida Mesa SBHC is open – we will look at extending services at that SBHC to children in the two other school district in La Plata County – Bayfield & Ignacio. A billing system utilizing a sliding scale fee will be put in place with the opening of the SBHC.**
2. What plans do you have to communicate your outcomes and lessons learned with others? **I am on the board for the Colorado Association for School Based Health Care (CASBHC) and initiator of the Rural Health Consortium which brings together SBHCs in rural parts of Colorado to share lessons learned and communicate outcomes. This organization meets twice a year with representation from 10 different rural school districts that have or would like to have a SBHC.**
3. If you have identified areas where increased collaboration between organizations or sectors would lead to increased positive outcomes for your constituents, briefly describe your ideas.

We are trying to link SBHC services, CHP+/Medicaid Applications, and free & reduced lunch registration in a very colorful poster and flyers that are posted in all of the schools and throughout the community. These services can all be obtained at DHS and FME SBHCs (soon to be in operation).

D. Other Comments

1. Please share with us any recommendations you have for our grant making or reporting process:

We are so grateful for this grant and the flexibility to allow us to work through this process of obtaining matching funds for the FME SBHC remodel over an extended period of time. Without this money to purchase blueprints and pay for architectural fees, we would not have been allowed to

apply for another implementation grant from the CHF that requires submission of bids when asking for remodeling funds. We look forward to sending you pictures of the new FME SBHC in due time.

II. FINANCIALS

- 1. Please provide income and expenditure information compared to the approved budget for that project or program. If there are any major variances, please explain.

Carla Hotter, assistant finance director, is on vacation until the beginning of next week. At that time, we will send you the expenditure information.