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Ms. Shelly Collins
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Dear Shelly,

This letter represents the Final Report for the Rural Health Outreach Grant received by High Plains Community Health Center in 2009. The grant was for \$50,000 for a part of the cost of remodeling our dental suite. I am pleased to report that the remodeling has mostly been completed with one phase yet to do. After securing funding in the amount of \$66,618 from the Caring for Colorado Foundation and this \$50,000 from the Colorado Rural Health Center, our Board of Directors approved proceeding with the project. The renovation of one of our two suites was put out for bid and the low bidder was Camp & Currell Construction of here in Lamar. The amount of their bid was \$123,311 of which the \$50,000 of this Rural Health Outreach was directed. The remodeling began in October of 2009 with the area of renovation being completely gutted and new walls, plumbing, electrical, etc. installed. We did not have enough funds for the replacement of two dental chairs and the addition of a fifth chair to that area. We have now secured funding from the Colorado Health Foundation for those remaining three chairs and will be adding those in the next two months.

The evaluation criteria we claimed on the application was that (1) we would secure the additional funding needed, (2) we would make the new dental suite operational, and (3) we would serve at least 2,000 oral health users between 11/1/09 and 3/31/10. We did secure the additional funding, and the new suite is completely operational and very much appreciated by patients and staff. It will continue to be upgraded when we add the three new dental chairs. We originally hoped the remodeling would be completed by 11/1/09 and the patient count toward the 2,000 users could be started. It did not actually get completed until mid January 2010. The count of dental users from 1/1/10 to 5/31/10 is 1,534, short of the planned 2,000. The original goal of 2,000 for a five month period was quite optimistic as our dental program averages 3,000 users per year. We also had one of our dental hygienists leave in March which diminished our numbers somewhat. All in all those are good healthy numbers for oral health care provided to the underseved people of Southeast Colorado.

High Plains Board and staff is very grateful to the Colorado Rural Health Center, United Healthcare and the Grant Committee for providing us the resources to upgrade our dental program. Thanks so much for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay Brooke". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Jay Brooke
Executive Director