

Colorado Rural Health Care G R A N T P R O G R A M

FINAL REPORT TEMPLATE

This form must be signed and returned with the Grant Report Narrative. Please complete and return this report by June 30, 2010. No further grant requests from your organization can be considered until this report has been completed and returned.

Name of organization reporting: Meeker Family Health Center

Dates covered by this grant: from July 2009 to July 2010 _____

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Amount of Grant: \$49,997

Purpose of Grant: Meeker Family Health Center and Pioneers Medical Center initiated an Information Technology and Electronic Medical Record System conversion. This included business applications, and clinical applications and the implementation of Electronic Medical Records, which incorporates Practice Management Documentation and Physician Access System applications.

In addition to software implementation the project included putting in wireless tablet PC units for primary providers, wireless network equipment, and training. The outcome is:

- An enterprise-wide electronic medical record
- E-prescription services to local and remote pharmacies
- Integration of documentation and transcription
- Electronic results reporting of diagnostic test results for quicker turn-around times and clinical decision-making

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.

The system, now completely implemented, consists of clinical and financial applications. The clinical systems includes Radiology and Lab Information Systems which enable studies and tests to be ordered electronically with results posted to the database for fast access by physicians and clinicians. This piece of the system has been paramount in reducing medical error.

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.*

This project is extremely critical to assist PMC with its communications with other healthcare facilities and diagnostic enterprises. Because PMC is located 40-50 miles from any other healthcare facility, having our medical records electronic has helped us to communicate with other healthcare facilities and diagnostic services to expedite patient care.

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

The collaboration is a product of the project. The improved IT and Medical Records software had allowed us better communication with our surrounding healthcare facilities, which provide service to Pioneers Medical Center. The new system has streamlined and maximized those communications.

B. Photographs and Testimonials

1. Please provide any photographs or testimonials that demonstrate the impact the project has had on the community.
2. Please provide an example of a success story that demonstrates the benefit of the project to your community.

Implementing the Electronic Medical Records and E-Prescribe has allowed us to be more responsive to patient needs. The E-Prescribe became a very handy tool when our local pharmacy had a fire and was shut down for 6-months or more. In the meantime our patients had to drive out of town for pharmacy needs, or utilize mail pharmacy service. The E-Prescribe became a valuable tool to communicate across the miles and meet our patients' needs.

C. Future Plans

1. What are the plans for sustaining the impact of the use of these funds? Pioneers Medical Center committed to hiring staff to maintain the software. That commitment is still in place.
2. What plans do you have to communicate your outcomes and lessons learned with others?

We are hoping the next steps will be to participate with regional and state healthcare data networks, to be able to provide patient information to other care providers.

- 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.

D. Other Comments

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

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.

The overall project cost was \$1.3 million, about a \$200,000 savings from initial projections. PMC secured funding from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Colorado Health Foundation, Encana Oil & Gas, Williams Production, Rio Tinto Coal, and Colorado Rural Health Center for total grant funds of \$744,997. Pioneers Medical Center's invested capital funds and personnel costs to cover the balance. The project was on budget with no significant budget adjustments. The Colorado Rural Health Center's funds were directly applied to the E-prescribe and Electronic Medical Records portion of the project, which cost just under \$160,000.