

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 July 28, 2011. No further grant requests from your organization can be considered until this report has been completed and returned.

Name of organization reporting: **Rocky Mountain Rural Health**

Dates covered by this grant: from **July 1, 2010** to **June 30, 2011** _____

Executive Director: **Karen P. Fitzpatrick, CFRE**

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Title: _____

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City/State/Zip: **Fairplay, CO 80440**

Fax Number: **719-836-3283**

Amount of Grant: **\$39,891.00**

Purpose of Grant: To provide telemedicine using digital radiography to transmit x-rays from remote rural location to hospital radiology/orthopedic experts, improving accurate diagnoses and saving patient time & money.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen P. Fitzpatrick".

August 15, 2011

Karen P. Fitzpatrick, CFRE, Executive Director

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.

A Konica Image Pilot M21 System was purchased on November 9, 2010. South Park Medical Group began usage January 11, 2011. Medical Imaging Technologies, contact Dino Lucero, spoke of significant IT problems which, unfortunately had to be addressed and resulted in a late start from the projected start date. A follow-up warranty visit, on March 31, 2011 resulted in the installation of a new CD/DVD RW Drive, at no charge. There have been no problems since that point and Dr. Fitting and her staff are very happy with the system and the incredible support for the community, with their digital radiography machine. The South Park Medical Group is the only full service clinic in Park County and to offer x-rays is very important for long-term stability.

2. What difference did this grant make in your community or neighborhood and for the population you are serving?

Rocky Mountain Rural Health, South Park Medical Group, and more importantly the residents of South Park have greatly benefited from the teleradiography equipment purchased from the generous grant provided by Colorado Rural Health Care. This medical equipment has allowed us to digitally transfer x-ray images to orthopedic and radiology specialists so that x-ray results could be read at a distance. Despite our rural location we have significantly reduced travel, been more cost effective, assured more accurate diagnoses, and expanded our spectrum of services. The ease of the digital x-ray allows us to provide digital records for referrals and over reads, to the proper specialist. Due to the geographic and economic burdens our patient base saves money and time having this service done locally instead of traveling over 40 miles, one way, for more expensive care.

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.*

Please review the attached Outcomes attachment.

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

One of the benefits of the digital x-ray is to partner with the Park County Jail and the Federal Immigration Department, to screen illegal immigrants for tuberculosis. We would not have the capability or efficiency to provide this much needed service, without the generous funding. We feel there will be further collaborations and opportunities in the future.

B. Photographs and Testimonials

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

Patty Schoville, NP for SPMG states that being able to look at the x-ray and zoom in on certain areas, is by far a better solution, than before when sometimes she used a magnifying glass to look at specific areas on films. On the computer you can zoom in on a longer area, making it much easier to view the area and get a much better picture. She also likes that the films can be put on disk, to be taken by the patient for a referral or consultation, or being able to mail the disc, which is much better than trying to mail the films. Patients are surprised when they get the disk, as this advanced service has not been provided before. The credibility of the diagnosis through the patient's perspective is immeasurable.

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

A 37 year old uninsured mother of 2 fell while riding a bicycle with her children. She injured her right hand, elbow, upper arm, and her right hip. She experienced severe pelvic pain when she tried to walk. At the clinic we were able to do a "trauma survey" consisting of x-rays of her hand, arm, hip and pelvis. There were no fractures of the upper extremity, but two fractures were identified in the pelvic bones. We were able to ascertain that her pelvis was stable and so treat her at the clinic, saving her a trip to the emergency room. The nearest ER is an hour away and in another county. Because she was a Fairplay resident and registered with the RMRH Community Medical Assistance Program (CMAP), her office visit was at a 70% discount and her x-rays were covered by a grant. This allowed her to get care in her own community at thousands of dollars less than if she had gone to an emergency room for care.

C. Future Plans

1. What are the plans for sustaining the impact of the use of these funds?

Due to our agreement with SPMG it is their responsibility for all calibration, repairs, and upgrades in software from this point on.

2. What plans do you have to communicate your outcomes and lessons learned with others?

We are currently putting together a Fact Sheet that will include your invaluable grant support. The information will be distributed at local meetings that will involve the South Park Chamber of Commerce, Town of Fairplay Commissioner and Board of Trustee meetings. We also are updating our website and your support will be identified and publically thanked there as well. As you know funders appreciate knowing that there are multiple avenues of support for Rocky Mountain Rural Health and South Park Medical Group. We work very closely with the majority of the other non-profits in the area and they are aware of your support and just what it means for health care in South Park.

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.

Our collaboration has greatly increased our partnership with specialists from hospitals in Salida, Frisco, and Denver. This has increased access to care that allows access to radiology/orthopedic specialists from a rural location. We are saving our patients significant time and costs. We have combined donations and staff from RMRH and SPMG to implement this project. We will continue to offer x-rays to our residents, who are grateful and the community is stronger and more viable, resulting in a very gratifying outcome.

D. Other Comments

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

The staff that actually submitted the grant no longer work for Rocky Mountain Rural Health, but as the new Executive Director, your process has made it possible to submit the final report with little problem, for which we are grateful.

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.

Please see attached Final Budget Financial Report.

Rocky Mountain Rural Health Grant Outcomes

Number of patients served: 166

Gender: Male - 97 Female – 69

Age: 5 – 73 years old

Insured: 70 (Workmen's Comp-2)

Medicare: 27

Medicaid: 12

CMAP: 16

Uninsured: 41