

## **Summary of National AHEC/HETC Week 2007 Activities**

### **March 26-March 30, 2007**

National AHEC/HETC Week 2007 proved to be very successful, with eight AHEC Programs and 17 regional AHECs participating in some fashion, building upon the initial success of National AHEC Week 2006 when a statement recognizing the AHEC and HETC Network was read on the floor of US House of Representatives by Congressman Lee Terry (R-Nebraska) and shared with AHEC colleagues at the National AHEC Conference in Omaha, Nebraska on June 12, 2006.

In 2007, AHEC State Programs and Regional Centers chose to highlight their programs in a variety of ways during National AHEC/HETC Week, as you can see from the information below:

- **Arizona**

- Northern Arizona AHEC (NAHEC) made site visits to the Hopi Reservation, the communities of Chinle, Many Farms, and Prescott to commemorate the occasion and followed up with an article in their newsletter about those activities. They offered a “glass case” presentation/display about the services of NAHEC at Northern Arizona University.
- Eastern Arizona AHEC (EAHEC) wrote a feature story about some of their clinical rotation students for the local newspaper, including photos. The director discussed the EAHEC program on a local radio talk show, and other plans included holding an open house at their office.
- Southeast Arizona AHEC (SEAHEC) planned a Domestic Violence Training for Healthcare Providers, and also offered an introductory course for Promotoras/CHWs. Additionally, an AHEC Services Update was held at the Community Health Center in Ajo.
- Western Arizona AHEC (WAHEC) offered a pilot program to train Medical Assistants which included field trip to local healthcare facilities. They also exhibited their display (highlighting health careers) in the lobby of the Regional Center for Border Health in Somerton.

- **California**

- San Joaquin Valley Health Consortium created a publication highlighting AHEC programs & gave away chocolate bars with AHEC wrapping to community partners.
- San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium updated their website and provided training additional opportunities.

- **Florida**

- University of South Florida COM wrote stories and Op-Eds and displayed AHEC Banners around campus

- **Kentucky**
  - West AHEC offered give-aways to preceptors to promote the AHEC program.
- **Minnesota**
  - Southern MN AHEC provided hospital displays & created honor rolls acknowledging supportive departments
- **North Carolina**
  - University of North Carolina Medical Center updated their website with National AHEC Week information.
- **Ohio**
  - Sandusky AHEC wrote Op-Eds to local newspapers.
  - Lima AHEC presented plaques to local CHCs.
  - Bryan AHEC displayed AHEC board in a local hospital.
  - AHEC in Appalachian Ohio (Ohio U) wrote press-releases and stories, displayed banners, and highlighted medical student service learning initiatives.
- **Rhode Island**
  - RI AHEC Network (The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University & Central, Northern, and Southern RI AHECs) hosted a “meet and greet” event at the RI Statehouse to introduce RI AHEC to legislators.
  - Wrote an op-ed highlighting the work of the RI AHEC Network/NAO was submitted to the Providence Journal.
  - A Gubernatorial Proclamation celebrating National AHEC Week was awarded to the RI AHEC Network by Governor Donald Carcieri.

Congratulations to these Program and Centers who participated in NAW 2007!

Next year National AHEC/HETC Week will be March 24-28, 2008, and the National AHEC Week Committee hopes that more Programs and Centers will participate so as to build significantly on this year’s successes.

Please keep an eye out for announcements regarding next year’s National AHEC/HETC Week! We hope to engage every Program and Center so that we cover the country with AHEC-related events.

Stay tuned, and keep doing the great work that you all do!

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