

Health Workforce Development - Health Careers Pipeline

- Provided careers information to 15,062 career-decision makers, 89% from under-represented minorities and disadvantaged populations.
- Provided 144 enrichment projects to better prepare 2,716 students, 77% from under-represented minorities and disadvantaged populations, for health professions education programs.
- Worked with 305 primary and secondary schools to facilitate health career awareness through classroom, peer, teacher, and counselor support activities and informational materials.
- Engaged 978 teachers/counselors/administrators and 303 parents in these activities.

Health Workforce Development - Community-Based Education

- Recruited and/or maintained 818 community-based training sites and a pool of 1300 community faculty, primarily physicians, for student clinical training.
- Placed 609 health professions students in 888 clinical rotations for 9 disciplines from 20 campus partners. Of these, 281 students were placed in designated underserved sites. Approximately 12% of the training in community sites involved service-learning projects.
- Continued development and maintenance of a dynamic website to aid student selection of community training sites and the Public Health-Ambulatory Community Selective for fourth year medical students.

Health Workforce Development - Practice Recruitment and Retention

- After the successful relaunch in October 2008 of **Texas Health Match**, the initial response focused on the needs of UTMB personnel in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. Subsequently, growing the user base and upgrading features and usability for them has taken priority.
- Provided 18,124 contact hours of training for 2675 participants in continuing education programs.
- Initiated the **AHEC Retention and Recruitment Community Model (ARRC)** to engage communities in processes to secure their future health workforce.
- Provided Clinic Management Technical Assistance (CMTA) to 6 selected FQHC and CHC organizations under contract with the state primary care office. This ongoing initiative was built on our experience in providing management consultations to almost 50 physician practices that resulted in an average potential increase in revenue of \$75,000, a critical economic impact on vulnerable practices caring for underserved populations.
- Completed the second year of the **AHEC Professional Corps (APC)** with 77 members receiving educational awards so far. Filled all member places for the extra Recovery cohort of this recruitment and retention program and are currently filling an additional 60 member places for the third cohort.
- Identified over 1,100 (cumulative) health professionals added to our region after an "AHEC Touch."

Community Health Support – Health Literacy

- Increased health education programming in 8 target areas identified as national priorities by the NAO through 967 programs/projects to 66,378 participants.
- Maintained programs addressing community health issues such as access to care, dental health, childhood obesity, geriatric sensitivity, tobacco cessation, behavioral health, and cancer awareness.

Community Health Support – Community Health Systems

- Expanded capacity for conducting community assessment and community development activities including the adoption of **IMPLAN**, an economic impact analysis software that demonstrates the economic impact of adding physicians and other healthcare workers to rural/underserved communities. Partnered with the Texas Department of Rural Affairs to produce and present 27 Healthcare and Economic Development reports for 27 rural and medically underserved counties. Met with leaders in 7 designated communities to collaborate with them on the full implementation of the **ARRC** model.
- Initiated 283 community health system support projects, such as, a structured process designed to involve community members in developing ways to improve local health care delivery systems and community health status.

Organization Infrastructure

- Maintained 9 operational centers to service an area of 111 counties with an estimated population of over 17 million. (as a state, would be 5th by population and 10th by area!)
- Partnered with communities and academic collaborators, including all 8 of the state's health science centers/schools of medicine and over 3,000 organizations and institutions.
- Every dollar in state funds invested in AHEC is leveraged to secure additional \$2 through federal, private, and local funds that would not be available without state support. Additionally, every AHEC state funded dollar attracts another \$2.50 from contributions of in-kind goods and services.