Quarterly Report

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Publicity:
During this period, the PDA committee had
1. Information on PDA in Department of Education Newsletter.
2. Information on the upcoming 'Mobile Technology Fair' on April 5th, during National Library Week in Mary Lanning Hospital Scanning newsletter, March 6th.
3. Information and schedule on 'Mobile Technology Fair' in Department of Education newsletter, April 2006.
(I am mailing all the publicity to you.)

Outreach:
PDA Committee meets every Wednesday afternoon for an hour with IT staff person, troubleshooting and IT staff answering our questions. We also share with eachother experiences with our PDA and learning from eachother. We have one nurse practitioner and two Adams county health department staff persons join us on Wed. afternoons learning right along.

We held a "Mobile technology Fair" for the Mary Lanning Hospital staff and physicians on April 5th, during National Library Week.

Other accomplishments:
We put together "Mobile Technology Fair" for the hospital and had a afternoon of programs on mobile technology in healthcare setting. Two of our committee members did a skit on using softwares such as "Epocrates", dictionaries etc. on PDA. We had Q and A session with the IT staff on better understanding the PDA. We invited Alltel representative to talk about "Smart Phones". We also invited the local computer store representative on 'selecting a laptop'. Lastly, we had online demo of "PEPID" software.

Target audience:
Our target audience is the healthcare workers in the hospital, physicians, nursing faculty and school of radiologic-technology faculty. We have generated great interest in PDA's and mobile technology. The Mary Lanning Hospital administrative team was at the
"mobile technology fair". The administration is going to offer payroll deduction for nurses to purchase PDA's. They are looking into various PDA's at the present time. The administration will then purchase the nursing software for the staff to use on their PDA. We as a committee think that this is a great progress and we have influenced the administration of the hospital, the Information Technology department, the healthcare staff, physicians and nurses to use PDA's. We see a positive change in attitudes and interest in PDA technology from the time we started and at the end of our project. What an accomplishment!!

Goals, Outcomes, Objectives:
We have met our goals and objectives and have benefited from the grant beyond our expectations. We have installed M-Notes on our PDA's and computers to access the lotus notes email. The nursing faculty have tried several softwares in clinical setting. We are looking into incorporating hands on teaching about PDA's in the informatics class and having PDA's for nursing students into clinical setting. Because of the increased usage of PDA's, the hospital has designated several areas for internet wireless access. The department of education will soon have wireless internet access.

Evaluation:
I will be mailing you PDA post evaluations of the committe members. We had evaluations for the "Mobile Technology Fair" and also offered CEu's to physicians and Nurses. I will be mailing hose evaluation results.

Impacts and Observations:
We started out with no knowledge and no technical support of PDA. However, we did get a great start with Whitney Davison Turley and Thomas Gibbs, who came to Hastings, NE and spend a whole morning with us teaching the basics of PDA. As the project started, we received great support from the hospital IT department. Now, the hospital staff and other healthcare workers seek advise from us in buying of PDA and using the healthcare softwares. On Mary Lanning Hospital website, www.mlmh.org, one of the vice president have posted a discussion board for the staff, soliciting inputs on buying and using the PDA's in the hospital setting.

Planned Activities:
Even though, the end of the grant period is approaching fast, we will continue to meet and promote the use of PDA's in the hospital and academic setting. We will continue to meet once a month to learn more and keep abreast on mobile technologies. Thanks for the opportunity to advance in mobile technology. This was a great learning experience for all us.