Response To Questions Regarding the Mini Outreach Award for Park City Library

Questions from NLM:

- Please provide this project's start and stop dates. The proposal describes the project as lasting one year, but the timeline spans nine months. Please adjust the project's start date as necessary.

The project start date would be pushed back to September, 2002. This would mean that the initial Health Fair scheduled for August of this year would be attended toward the ending date of the project, or August of 2003. All other aspects of the timeline would remain in place.

- The proposed project will include two classes for Spanish-speaking consumers. Please indicate who will lead these classes and describe this person's proficiency in Spanish.

I would teach both classes with the aid of the library's newly hired Spanish Outreach Coordinator. I also have access to the ESL instructor who has assisted me in teaching the Internet component of the ESL program.

- How many participants are expected in the two classes for Spanish-speaking consumers and in the two classes for clinic personnel? Please provide an estimate of the total size of the Spanish-speaking population in Summit County.

I anticipate between twelve and twenty persons in attendance at each of the classes for Spanish-speaking consumers. The number of clinic personnel could range from five to twenty for each session. I will announce the classes through PSAs, local newspapers, library bulletin boards and brochures as well as through the Spanish Outreach Coordinator's programs and contacts with the Hispanic community. The library offers bilingual storytimes for children and announcements of Spanish programs for adults could be made to the parents/caregivers in attendance at these times.

Utah census figures report that nine percent of Utah's population is of Hispanic origin. Summit County reports that of its 31,103 residents, just over eight percent are of Hispanic origin. According to the 2000 Census, Park City has 1,448 persons of Hispanic or Latino origin residing within the city limits. I am trying to reach both city and county populations of Hispanic people who are seeking medical care or information.

- The proposal includes a description of the methods that will be used to promote the collection. What methods will be used to promote the classes for Spanish-speaking consumers and for clinic personnel?

Promotion for the classes will follow the same guidelines as listed for the collection. The local public radio station, KPCW, welcomes PSAs from the library; the city also provides a newsletter where city personnel will be alerted to the goals of this project; the brochures will announce the classes and collection as well. The classes for clinic
personnel will be promoted by brochures that I will deliver to the clinics.

- In addition to the four classes, it is noted that training sessions will be provided on an ongoing basis for public health professionals. Approximately how many training sessions for public health professionals are anticipated? What is the number of public health professionals in the two targeted clinics, and how many will be targeted for participation in the ongoing training sessions?

The ongoing sessions will be provided as they are requested by the clinics. My goal is to reach all of the health care professionals and staff who encounter Spanish-speaking patients so that they can direct their patients to the Spanish language brochures detailing how authoritative medical materials can be accessed and utilized by the Hispanic consumers. This project aims to increase awareness of quality Spanish language medical resources by informing both the clinical staff and the consumer that such resources are readily available and accessible. The ongoing classes are aimed at furthering this goal by extending the opportunities and scheduled times for attendance.

The Summit County Public Health Department’s personnel is approximately twenty according to the County Public Health Nurse. The People’s Health Clinic currently employs a Medical Director, a part-time People’s Health Van provider, and utilizes a volunteer staff of thirty-five medical professionals ranging from M.D.s, Physician Assistants, Nurses, and Nurse Practitioners. Together, these two entities are providing the majority of medical care and information for this grant’s target population.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

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