During the 2014-2015 academic years, 253 OU-HCOM Executive SUMMARY

Director, AHEC and Community Health Programs

In the next year we will continue to look for new opportunities to expand our programs. CHEAO and the AHEC Program have had a very busy and exciting year. Program highlights over the last year include:

- A $1,000 award supported by CHEAO funds was provided to Washington County Career Center to support upgrades to their health technology center at the high school.
- 29 health professions students completed experiences provided through CHEAO.
- 14,604 credit hours of Continuing Education were provided through 47 programs.
- 636 total hours of credit were earned by students.
- 28 programs were provided to 100 health professionals.
- CHEAO (OH-049/10-1-14) is an approved provider of continuing education credit for physicians.
- The AHEC Program at OU-HCOM and the Consortium for Health Education in Appalachia Ohio’s (CHEAO) mission is to assist Washington County Career Center to upgrade their health technology center at the high school.

1. **HIGHLIGHTS**

   - 15 individual medical students were provided 29 experiences in the Heritage Community Clinic and on the mobile unit.
   - 13 pharmacy students observed for a Rural Health Experience.
   - Rural and Urban medical students are routinely scheduled in the Heritage Community Clinic and on the mobile unit.

2. **2016-2015 SERVICE LEARNING**

   - Service learning is an educational method that engages learning by enabling students to meaningful service to the community and integrating that service with academic preparation. OU-HCOM students participate in multiple service learning opportunities.

   - AHEC collaborates with community agencies to plan and implement service learning experiences.

3. **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

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4. **TOTAL CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

   - Total Hours of courses (does not include preceptoring and teaching hours)

   - Total Number of Formal Programs Offered

   - Total Continuing Professional Education:

5. **TOTAL HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT**

   - Total Number of Participants for Year 7

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HEALTH FAIRS, SCHOOL VISITS
AHEC reaches out to the community; to high schools within our AHEC region; to departments at OU-HCOM; and to Ohio University College of Health Sciences and Professions, to plan health career programs.

Realizing tomorrow’s health care is dependent upon today’s students, AHEC works to open the door and introduce students to a career in Health Care if they will choose to find a health career when they graduate. Providing this opportunity to high school students allows AHEC to introduce career options to students who would never have thought about entering a health-care profession who better understand the needs of our population.

A total of 57 students from two high schools attended a Health Career Day Presentation.

Medical Student for a Day (MS4D) – Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015

Purpose: To introduce disadvantaged undergraduate students to the field of osteopathic medicine. The group consisted of Ohio University undergraduates interested in pursuing a degree in the field of medicine. The day-long event was sponsored by the OU-HCOM Minority Association for Pre-medical Students (MSPS), the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) and the Medical Mentoring Club (MMC).

AHEC assisted with the event by providing tours of the Heritage Clinical Training and Assessment Center (CTAC). Forty-five undergraduates attended the event (34 females and 11 males). The students were divided into four groups to tour the Clinical Training and Assessment Center area with information provided about the state-of-the-art training center where medical students learn basic clinical skills, master complex technical procedures, and develop communication and relationship-building skills early in their medical education process. Other activities included a presentation by OU-HCOM Admissions, an introduction to OMM and blood pressure checks. A continental breakfast and lunch was provided with a panel discussion with OU-HCOM year one and two medical students.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIP

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship is a prestigious program that allows graduate and professional health students the chance to work on service projects that address the social factors that affect health in underserved communities. Originally founded in 1940 to support Dr. Albert Schweitzer’s medical work in Africa, ASF is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to develop leaders in service: individuals who are dedicated and skilled in meeting the health needs of underserved communities, and whose example influences and inspires others.

The Fellowship program seeks to build leaders in service who are dedicated to working with the underserved in their fellowship year and beyond. These Fellows partner with community-based organizations to identify an underserved need, design a year-long 200-hour service project with a demonstrable impact on that need, and bring that project from idea to implementation and impact. Rooted in a holistic understanding of health, Schweitzer projects address not only clinical issues, but also the social determinants of health.

Students from Ohio University, the Ohio State University and other Columbus-area colleges are chosen for the program. Funding comes from multiple sources including OU-HCOM to support the program. During the last year two OU-HCOM medical students and one Patton College of Education student completed the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship. Their experiences included the development of innovative programs to increase healthy food access and assistance and others to make lifestyle changes to improve health. In addition to the medical school, the program has expanded at the Athens campus of Ohio University to include the College of Health Sciences and Professions and the Patton College of Education.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

The American Heart Association (AHA) training centers provided by AHEC CHEAO provide Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and enter some classes to students, health care professionals, and community members.

- 2,453 lay and professional rescuers were trained in four different AHA curriculums
- 340 classes were taught
- 25 instructors were trained and 10 sites were used for training
- 992 were trained in basic life support and 1,119 were trained in Heartsaver
- 257 people were trained in Advanced Life Support
- 75 people were trained in PALS

RESOURCE ROOMS

CHEAO provides resources for health professionals, health profession students and community members to provide education on health topics.

- 5,400 resources were checked out by 40 individuals and used at 90 locations in the community