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To: Governor Matt Mead, Wyoming State Legislature
From: Amy Brockel
Date: 11/27/11
Re: Wyoming Investment in Nursing (WyIN) Program
2010-2011 Annual Report as per Wyoming Statute 21-7-601(n)

OVERVIEW:

Wyoming statute 9-2-123 created the Wyoming Investment in Nursing (WyIN) program in order to address the state's current and future shortage of qualified nurses. Through the WyIN program, Wyoming residents or graduates of a Wyoming high school who are accepted into a Wyoming licensed practical nurse or registered nursing education program or a baccalaureate degree program in nursing at one of Wyoming's community colleges or the University of Wyoming may be eligible to receive a WyIN loan to help pay the unmet financial need of attendance in the program. Loans are repaid by working as a nurse in Wyoming. This program also provides funding for nursing faculty to pursue masters or doctoral degrees, as well as funding (salary and benefits) for adding nursing teaching positions at community colleges, making it possible for those institutions to educate more nursing students. This program's first year of operation was July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. The WyIN program operates under a sunset provision which occurs on June 30, 2016.

SUMMARY: (July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011)

WYOMING INVESTMENT IN NURSING STUDENT SUMMARY				
	Number of Students	Average Award per Academic Year	Total Awarded	Legislative Appropriation
Undergraduate Student Loans	210	\$3,649	\$766,355	
Graduate Student Loans	2	\$15,433	\$30,865	
			\$797,220	
				\$987,500 per year*

* This program had remaining funds set aside to support the continuing semesters for students which explains why the total awarded is less than the legislative appropriation for the one year period. The funds are not going unused as they are already obligated but not yet disbursed/awarded.

WYOMING INVESTMENT IN NURSING FACULTY SUMMARY

	Number Employed	Average Salary & Benefits	Total Awarded	Legislative Appropriation
Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Full time teaching faculty Part time clinical faculty	18 full time 3 part time	\$70,220 \$23,403	\$1,263,966 \$70,208	\$1,474,000
Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Outreach Coordinator Full time teaching faculty	2 full time coordinators 1 full time faculty	\$81,005 \$61,578	\$162,009 \$61,578	\$500,000
Health insurance benefits paid to colleges (paid quarterly)			\$187,247	
* The remaining funds in this account will be exhausted due to increased faculty salaries and the projected increases in the cost of health insurance. This portion of the WyIN program currently does not allow roll over from biennium to biennium.			Total Awarded * \$1,745,008	Total Appropriation \$1,947,000

OUTCOMES: Outcomes for students reported in the table below include all graduate and undergraduate students that have received a WyIN loan since the inception of the program (July 2003 through June 2010). The information was acquired from Western States Learning Corporation now doing business as Align, the contracted loan servicing agency.

Status of All Outstanding Loan Commitments & Repayments under WyIN Program

Paid In Full by Working As Nurses in Wyoming	223	26%
Employed as Nurses in Wyoming	135	15.5%
Enrolled in School	139	16%
Repaid Loan in Cash	61	7%
Repaying Loan in Cash	135	16%
Defaulted on WyIN Loan	83	9%
1 st attempt at State Board of Nursing Licensure	85	10%
Hardship or Deferred Loan	4	.5%
Total Number of Recipients of WyIN Loans	865	100%

Western States Learning Corporation now doing business as Align, summary report, 6/30/11