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**To:** Governor Matt Mead, Wyoming State Legislature  
**From:** Amy Brockel  
**Date:** February 6, 2017  
**Re:** Wyoming Investment in Nursing (WyIN) Program  
 2015-2016 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, 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 bachelor or master level nurses to pursue masters or doctoral degrees with the understanding that repayment will be working as a nurse educator in the state at one of the seven community colleges or the University of Wyoming. The program also provides as funding (salary and benefits) for adding nursing teaching positions at the 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. There were statutory changes made in 2015 allowing more folks to access the funds to the graduate level funds within the program and well as extending the sunset date from 2016 to 2020. The WyIN program currently operates under a sunset provision which occurs on June 30, 2020.

**SUMMARY:**

The table below only represents the time period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

<b>WYOMING INVESTEMENT IN NURSING STUDENT SUMMARY</b>				
	<b>Number of semesters paid (each student typically gets 3 semesters Summer, Fall, Spring in this time frame)</b>	<b>Average Award per student per semester</b>	<b>Total Awarded</b>	<b>Legislative Appropriation</b>
<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>\$2,027</b>	<b>\$640,464</b>	
<b>Graduate</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$7,757</b>	<b>\$124,116</b>	
			<b>\$764,580</b>	<b>\$987,500 per year*</b>

\* The remaining program funds have been set aside to support the future semesters for these students. This 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.

<b>WYOMING INVESTMENT IN NURSING FACULTY SUMMARY</b>				
	<b>Number Employed</b>	<b>Average Salary &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>Total Awarded</b>	<b>Legislative Appropriation</b>
<b>Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$85,441</b>	<b>\$1,537,940</b>	<b>\$1,237,000</b>
<b>Full time teaching faculty</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$22,340</b>	<b>\$67,019</b>	
<b>Part time teaching faculty</b>				
<b>Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$120,145</b>	<b>\$120,145</b>	<b>\$500,000**</b>
<b>Outreach Coordinator</b>				
			<b>*Total Awarded</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>
			<b>\$1,725,104</b>	<b>\$1,737,000</b>

\* The total budget for the biennium is \$3,474,000 for nursing teaching faculty. We anticipate fully exhausting this budget. This table just shows one year of the biennium.

\*\* The LPN funds can rollover to help cover ADN requests if not fully exhausted by LPN requests.

**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 (July1, 2003 through June 30, 2016). The information was acquired from Align, the contracted loan servicing agency. Prior numbers were how many loans were given out this current table represents individual students not loans. The Federal Truth in lending legislation changed the way WyIN loans were disbursed resulting in the count looking different from previous years.

<b>Status of All Outstanding Loan Commitments &amp; Repayments under WyIN Program</b>		
<b>Paid in full by working as a nurse in Wyoming</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Employed as a nurse in Wyoming (or seeking employment)</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Enrolled in school</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Repaid loan in cash</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Repaying loan in cash</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Defaulted on WyIN loan</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> attempt at State Board of Nursing Licensure</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Less than 1%</b>
<b>Hardship, death or deferred loan</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Total number of recipients of WyIN loans</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>100%</b>

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