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To: Governor Matt Mead, Wyoming State Legislature
From: Amy Brockel
Date: December 3, 2015
Re: Wyoming Investment in Nursing (WyIN) Program
2013-2014 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 faculty to pursue masters or doctoral degrees, as well 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. The WyIN program operates under a sunset provision which occurs on June 30, 2016.

SUMMARY:

The table below only represents the time period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

WYOMING INVESTEMENT IN NURSING STUDENT SUMMARY				
Summer 13, Fall 13 & Spring 14				
	Number of Semesters paid to students	Average Award per semester per student	Total Awarded	Legislative Appropriation
Undergraduate	348	\$2,109	\$733,825	
Graduate	4	\$5,135	\$20,541	
			\$754,366	\$987,500 per year*

* 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.

WYOMING INVESTMENT IN NURSING FACULTY SUMMARY				
	Number Employed	Average Salary & Benefits	Total Awarded	Legislative Appropriation
Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)	18	\$81,120	\$1,460,168	\$1,237,000
Full time teaching faculty	3	\$21,179	\$63,536	
Part time teaching faculty				
Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Outreach Coordinator	2	\$99,087	\$198,174	\$500,000**
			*Total Awarded	Total Appropriation
			\$1,721,879.28	\$1,737,000

* The total budget for the biennium is \$3,474,000 for nursing teaching faculty. We anticipate fully exhausting this budget.

** 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 (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2014). The information was acquired from Align, the contracted loan servicing agency.

Status of All Outstanding Loan Commitments & Repayments under WyIN Program		
Paid in full by working as a nurse in Wyoming	440	37%
Employed as a nurse in Wyoming	118	10%
Enrolled in school	124	11%
Repaid loan in cash	115	10%
Repaying loan in cash	156	13%
Defaulted on WyIN loan	163	14%
1st attempt at State Board of Nursing Licensure	57	5%
Hardship or deferred loan	5	<1%
Total number of recipients of WyIN loans	1,178	100%

Align, summary report 6/30/14