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## *Community-Based Education Program*



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#### **#4189 – Community Health Care Planning**

#### **Organization Information**

The host organization represents a rural medical facility which officially opened on July 7, 2009; the first patient was seen in January 2009. The 3,000-sq.-ft facility treats patients through independent physician practice and offers a state-of-the-art blood collection and ECG facility as well as surgical-procedure room.

As a registered charitable organization, the host's day-to-day expenses must be covered by fundraising. Several local successful dances have been held, two walkathons organized in conjunction with the local Lions Club and a variety of well-attended fundraisers have provided dollars needed to cover these costs.

The vision and primary mandate for the host organization: Bring family healthcare to their community.

#### **Project Information**

The purpose of this project is to conduct a survey with residents of a rural community to assess the demographics and the needs and priorities for future health care planning in the area.

#### **Benefit to the Host Organization and Community**

Ideally the outcomes of this project will help the Board of Directors decide what other health care practitioners should be included in their facility, i.e dentist, massage therapist, orthopedist. Either way, the community and surrounding area will benefit from this initiative by participating in the health care planning of the area.

### **What students might learn**

Students will gain experience in:

- Health care and municipal planning
- Designing and implementing a survey
- Experience conducting primary and secondary research
- Experience in a professional setting
- Networking with a variety of stakeholders

### **Screening or Training Requirements**

Students will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement, as they will be accessing Board business and/or medical records/ info.

### **Skills or Experience Needed**

- Interest and experience in health care and/or municipal planning
- Designing and implementing a survey
- Experience conducting primary and secondary research
- Ability to work independently

### **Resources Required for Project Provided by Host**

The host will provide any history and knowledge of the community and surrounding area.

All expenses accrued by the students should be approved by the Board of Directors prior to spending.