

EASTERN INDIANA
Area Health Education Center
Regional Stakeholder Meeting

AHEC – Healthcare for Tomorrow

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Today

- Introduction to the Indiana AHEC (IN-AHEC) Program Mission
- Overview of IN-AHEC Program Strategies
- AHEC's Core Mission
- Partnership Opportunities

History of Indiana AHEC

- 1969 ● Statewide medical education plan
- 1992 ● Indiana Commission for Higher Ed: "Recommendations for Med Ed"
- 1995 ● IUSM Primary Care Initiative
- 1999 ● Preliminary AHEC planning
- 2001 ● Regional planning with communities
Federal award (DHHS HRSA, Title VII)
Indiana 6 AHEC Regions
- 2007 ● 46 States, 236 AHEC's

What's the Problem?

- Too few primary care professionals
- Too many underserved communities
- Too little access to quality healthcare
- Too big of a disconnect between the mission of health profession training programs and community needs
- Too few under-represented minorities in the health workforce

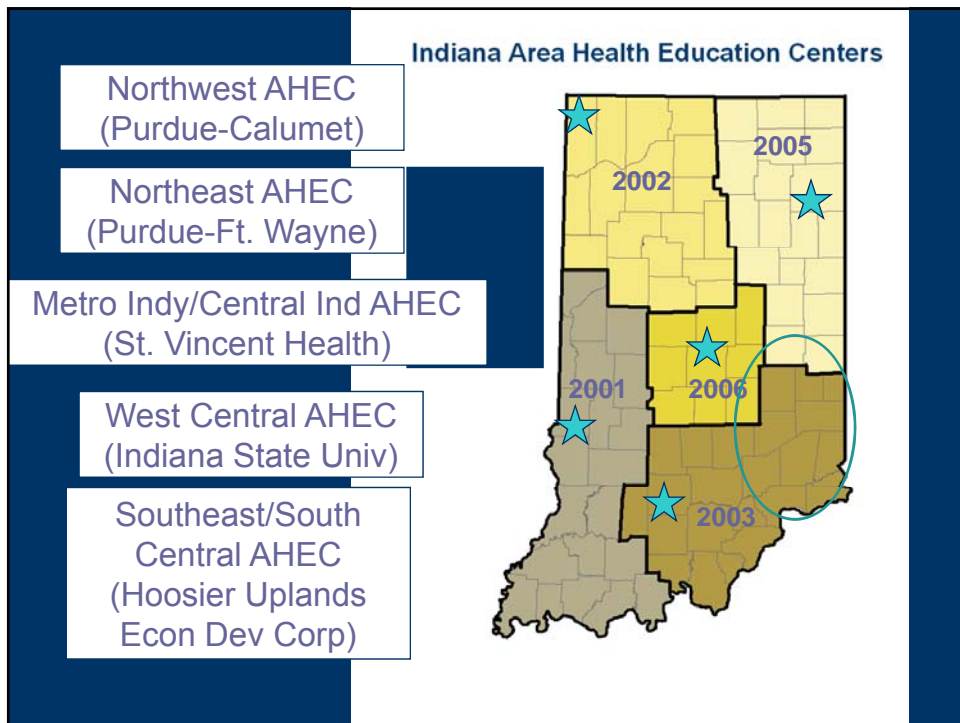
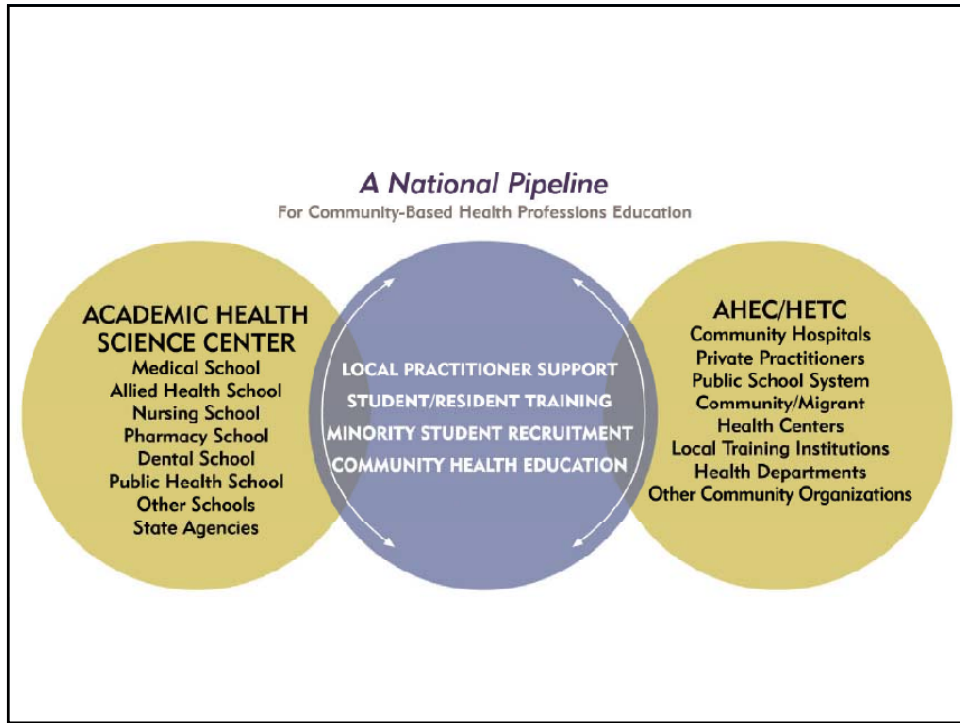
AHEC Mission/Goals

Why do we exist?

- To enhance patient access to quality primary and preventive care for medically underserved populations in rural and urban settings.

What do we do?

- Through community/academic educational partnerships, AHEC's improve the distribution, diversity and quality of health care professionals.



AHEC Objectives, Activities

Connecting students to health careers

Improve knowledge and awareness of health career opportunities among URMD students

- *Health careers awareness and enrichment programs (both quick and intensives), academic readiness/success*



AHEC Objectives, Activities

Connecting health professionals to communities

Increase exposure of health professions students to medically underserved communities and other health professions disciplines.

- *Clinical rotations*
- *Interdisciplinary training*
- *Service learning*



Tricia Kurtz, MS3, and Matt Waldron, MD

AHEC Objectives, Activities

Connecting communities to better health

Enhance access to CE and clinical support tools

- *Medically underserved-oriented CE*
- *Interdisciplinary training*
- *Health library, technology access, other learning resources*



BHOC's Hanna Swayer and Mike Owen with first-responder training simulators

Outcomes: Funding and Planning

- Eastern-IN AHEC begins receiving HRSA Federal funding September 1, 2009, approximately \$225,000
- Community Stakeholder Committee needs to be established to guide the decisions of the Eastern-IN AHEC formation.

Indiana AHEC Outcomes

- **Improve health professions distribution**
- **Increase workforce diversity**
- **Improve quality of health and health care**

Next Steps

**Angela Holloway, MHA
Associate Director for Development**

AHEC Belongs to the Community

Community should answer:

- Why
- What
- Who
- How
- Where
- When

Steering Committee

- Meet monthly
- For the next 6 months
- Make the formative decisions about the Eastern-IN AHEC

Design the Eastern-IN AHEC

- What are the things that this AHEC should accomplish?
- Who are the stakeholders that will make this AHEC work?
- How could this AHEC be structured?
- How is this AHEC going to be financed?
- Where is the AHEC going to be housed?
- What is the name of the contracting entity?
- When will the AHEC begin operations?

AHEC in a Nutshell

Connecting students to
health careers

Connecting health professionals
to communities

Connecting communities
to quality health care