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1. New Summer Student Elective Support Program

The Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan is piloting a new Summer Student Elective Support Program. The purpose of this pilot Program is to provide matching grants of \$2,500 to RHAs to foster the hiring of a medical student who has completed their first or second year, and in so doing further expose early careerists to rural medical practice.

The matching grants are intended to provide funding for a 4-12 week summer clinical and research experience for up to 8 medical students. Priority will be given to medical students of the Universities of Alberta and Calgary who demonstrate an orientation to rural medical practice.

Generally, the summer elective experience should offer at least two days per week of clinical or community exposure to medical practice (however structured), with the balance of the week geared to the completion of an RHA-approved audit or RHA-University-approved research project with some patient exposure.

Please contact David Kay, RPAP Program Manager, (780) 423-9911, Fax: (780) 423-9917, Alberta-RPAP@rpap.ab.ca if you would like further information.

2. New RPAP Three-Year Business Plan

Through the RPAP Coordinating Committee recently approved its second three-year business plan covering the period 2002-2005. It incorporates and builds upon the long-term Vision of the RPAP - "having the right number of physicians in the right places, offering the right services in Rural Alberta" - and the major thrusts and initiatives implemented over the past three plus years.

This business plan also sets out the major goals, initiatives, performance measures and targets to be accomplished by the RPAP in the years 2002-2005.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the new business plan, check the RPAP website at www.rpap.ab.ca or contact David Kay, RPAP Program Manager at (780) 423-9911, Fax: (780) 423-9917 or E-mail: Alberta-RPAP@rpap.ab.ca.

3. RPAP Award of Distinction - Nomination Deadline 12 April 2002

Rural family physicians who demonstrate superior commitment and contributions to their community may soon be recognized through a new award recently announced by RPAP, the **Rural Physician 'Distinction in Practice' Award** program.

Rural Alberta residents are being made aware of the award through rural Alberta weekly newspaper and TV ads. Remember, the deadline for nominations is April 12, 2002. The award will be presented in the winner's home community at a ceremony in June.

For more information or to obtain a nomination form, check the RPAP website at www.rpap.ab.ca or contact David Kay, RPAP Program Manager at (780) 423-9911, Fax: (780) 423-9917 or E-mail: Alberta-RPAP@rpap.ab.ca.

4. New RPAP Photo Contest

Enter the RPAP Photo Contest and help RPAP gather pictures of **rural physicians and their families** to be used in its monthly newsletter, website, information updates, displays, brochures, and posters. RPAP produces a variety of communication materials throughout the year as it works to support the education, recruitment and retention of rural physicians.

RPAP will accept entries from **through August 2002**. Winners will be announced in September. Everyone entering a photo in the contest will receive a small RPAP gift acknowledging his or her entry. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each of the three categories will be awarded special prizes in September. There is no limit on the number of entries accepted.

Contest Categories

The contest is open to all Alberta rural physicians and their family members. Photos will be accepted in two different formats (Colour or B/W 35 mm Photos or Colour Digital 600 dpi Photos) and three different categories: Photos shot by Rural Physicians, Photos shot by Partners of Rural Physicians, and Photos shot by Partners of Rural Physicians.

Entrants should fill out the entry form, and **sign the Photo Release Form**. The Photo Release gives permission

to RPAP to use the photos in its communications and publications. Every person shown in the picture, as well as the person who took the picture, needs to sign the Photo Release. All children under the age of 18 should have a parent or guardian sign their release.

Entries should be sent to: Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan, 1000 Manulife Place, 10180-101 Street NW, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3S4

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5. RPAP Surfing Opportunities

Check our web site at www.rpap.ab.ca for details about Alberta's RPAP or www.arfmn.ab.ca for details about the Alberta Rural Family Medicine Network (ARFMN).

Further information and details on the RPAP and its initiatives may be obtained from:

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Tell us what you think about this Hotsheet or the RPAP in general.