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North Country Health Care Request for Training Funds for Healthy Steps Specific Training to be obtained in FY 2011

North Country Health Care is the grantee for the Navajo/Apache Regionally Funded Healthy Steps Program. When the strategy was originally conceived of, and approved by this Council, it included funding specifically ear-marked for Healthy Steps Model Training, to be provided over the course of two fiscal years.

The attached letter from Jorja Nackard with North Country Health Care describes the efforts made to secure training for this year; and it describes the barriers that have been encountered over the past 5 months or so.

From a budget perspective, this grantee has not expended the amount allocated for Healthy Steps training for FY2010, and in fact expects to have a significant portion of the grant award unexpended at the end of June 2010, making those dollars available as carry-forward funds in FY2011.

Based on the intent of this Council to support this new Healthy Steps Program in the region with two years of technical assistance/training for Healthy Steps model specific training, it is staff's recommendation to this Council that the request from North Country Health Care for additional funding for Healthy Steps Model-Specific Training to be obtained from DeAnn Davies, Certified Master Trainer for Healthy Steps, be approved. There are sufficient funds available in the current FY2011 carry-forward line to make this budget modification during FY2010; knowing that the decrease in the amount of carry forward will be temporary until FY2010 unexpended funds are known.