STUDENT SERVICES FEE
Progress Report

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Department Name: Counseling and Psychological Services Date: 12/15/2009
Project Supported by Student Services Fee: Mental Health Clinician/Psychologist
Amount of Award: $71,200 Project Type: Profess. Counseling Staffing # Years Funded: 3
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Project Scope:
The purpose of the project was to make modest progress in off-setting inadequate counseling staff availability at the U of A. Although still leaving CAPS short-staffed by at least 4 full-time professional counselors, the current project would provide at least a portion of the desperately needed counseling capacity to serve students.

Outcomes:
Targeted outcomes were to provide 25-30 additional counseling contacts per week. Unfortunately, due to an initial unsuccessful hiring search, we were unable to put a full-time counselor in place by July 1, 2009 as intended. To help accommodate the existing counseling demand, we employed three part-time temporary counselors during nine to ten weeks of the fall semester while another hiring search could be undertaken. Despite the fact that this staffing was more limited than the project design, an additional 295 student contacts were able to be accommodated by this interim staffing arrangement. About 60% of these represented new students to CAPS. Additionally, it enabled us to staff the Triage (Intake) clinic throughout the entire work week.

Student Response:
While specific student response is hard to ascertain, enhanced availability of Triage hours improved same-day access to services and led to minimal wait times to see a counselor for the Triage visit.

Attempts to Obtain Additional Funding:
We have engaged in conversations with prospective donors which have not yet yielded funding support for staff positions.

Other Funding Sources:
While no funding sources have been identified for these salaries, the Campus Health Service has provided in-kind support in the form of office space, equipment, supplies, supervision, training and related contributions.

Provide: (Not Necessary in June Report) Out of the $35,600 appropriated by the Student Services Fee for the first half of this fiscal year, approximately $16,000 has been utilized for counselor salaries. Although we intend to have a full-time Psychologist hired, beginning in January 2010, we will need to provide continuity of care for the students being seen by the part-time counselors and, therefore, anticipate transitional staffing costs associated with these positions of up to $15,000 during the first quarter of 2010. With these estimates, we would project returning at least $4,000 in unused balance.

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