



## ND Safe Heart Schools AED project      Executive Summary

The 2007 Legislature allocated \$400,000 from DPI foundation aid for this project. Expenses to date are as follows:

AEDs	\$ 353,997.60
AED cabinets/wall signs	\$ 43,863.05
AED door stickers	\$ 532.28
Printing / Postage	\$ 1,514.58
Misc.	\$ 43.27
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 49.22</b>

DPI was able to purchase 368 AEDs and 313 cabinets/wall signs. Additionally, we facilitated individual building purchases for 24 AEDs and 31 AED cabinets at the vendor price. The AED manufacturer, Phillips, has never given a vendor bid as low as what North Dakota received.

A Steering Committee was created which helped with general oversight of the project:

Doug Johnson, CEL	Kathryn Pederson, REA liaison
Tim Meyer / Kelli Rice, Department of Health	June Herman, American Heart Assn
Michelle Tipton, ND Parent Heart Watch	Kevin Stewart, ARC / ND EMS

The original timeline was altered when we experienced two vendor protests; not uncommon for state government given the large funding award at stake. Once that was resolved, we were able to resume our activities, albeit several months later.

Packets were sent to all school building principals receiving an AED which included AED Assurances, window / door stickers, a listing of statewide CPR / AED trainers, 911 and/or EMS notification letters, partial newsletter information for your building / district newsletter, community newspaper or district website, AED Incident Reporting Form, AHA AED Implementation Guide and the ND School Boards Association *Policy Ponderings* – May 2007, topic: AEDs.

A media event was hosted at a Bismarck elementary school in early January, which introduced the project to the media and was attended by several bill sponsors.

### Issues:

- ~ Training: not specified in bill or appropriations, made adjustments which worked well, some initial resistance by schools; great statewide partners!
- ~ Staff time: request for half time FTE for one year was not approved; almost 1000 hours of time by one employee proved difficult.
- ~ Schools: very appreciative of the legislature's efforts!

This is about saving lives – students, staff, parents, and community members.

**ND is the first state in the country to have AEDs in all schools!**