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II. Piedmont Project Work-plan

Background:

I serve as mentor for the Fuld Fellows at the School of Nursing. The Fellows are second degree students who have returned to school to enter nursing. They are awarded the Fellowship (which includes completion of a BSN and MSN) because of their strong and sustained commitment to leadership with issues of social responsibility with underserved populations; and their ability to articulate a clear vision of work they plan to do once they complete their graduate studies.

The Fellows are expected to spend additional time on interdisciplinary seminars and activities; take leadership with in the School of Nursing and wider university and remain committed to activities related to social responsibility. The Fellowship's focus on interdisciplinary involvement is the area I hope the Piedmont Project will enhance.

During the past two years, since the Fellowship began, there have been meetings with a variety of faculty, staff and administrators from the Ethics Center, Theology, Sociology, Anthropology, the Carter Center, etc.. In addition the Fellows have worked with a variety of service-leadership roles in the Atlanta area.

The plan:

It is my hope that the faculty who participated in the Piedmont Project will participate as faculty leaders in the monthly Fuld Fellowship seminars. The seminars provide the Fellows an opportunity to discuss issues of social responsibility and leadership. Although issue of environmental health has been a part of those discussions, I hope the Piedmont Project participants will bring their interest and passion about environmental health as it relates to their particular discipline to inform the Fellows seminar.

In addition the seminar time includes hands on involvement in the community. So the Piedmont Project participants may also serve as resources to connect the Fellows to important work in the community and enhance their experiential learning about --- community gardens; waterways; water-cycles; sewage treatment, theatre as a medium for environmental education, etc...

I hope all these connections will help the Fellows think more deeply about the environment – both natural and human-made. Certainly, I want them to think about the typical health care environments such as hospitals and how they might

help to making health care settings more environmentally friendly. As well, I want them to think of other settings where communities gather—schools, workplaces, faith communities---places where healing and caring can and does happen --- and how they as leaders might imagine, design and work with others to make these environments healthier and more caring.

I will end with a statement on drafted by the Fuld Fellows.

A statement on leadership in social responsibility

By the Fuld Fellows Spring 2004:

Leadership in social responsibility in nursing is a commitment to enhance the health of all by decreasing health disparities of underserved populations and focusing on health promotion, disease prevention and primary care; and acting to change structures that impact health in the broadest sense--- health care access, housing, hunger, education, human rights, environmental issues, etc.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be a part of the Piedmont Project. I look forward to staying connected to the Project.

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