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Justina,

I just wanted to convey my thanks to you and the United Way for the soon-to-be-completed capacity building grant for our electronic health records (EHR) project.

Thanks to this United Way grant, we have been able to make significant advancements in this field. We recently won a \$400,000 competitive grant from the state Employment Development Department (EDD) to provide on-the-job training to long-term unemployed people seeking jobs in this growing field. We were also selected to partner with EDD and 3 other WIB partners on a \$5 million national H-1B health care grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor. There were 19 WIB applicants from around the state, and our EHR concept paper was one of the 4 chosen.

We have also been asked by our local community college, Glendale Community College, to assist them in the development of an EHR-related program. A local major hospital, Glendale Adventist Medical Center, has asked us to assist in the roll-out of their physician-centered EHR program. We may also be giving future presentations at the HIMSS (Health Information and Management Systems) state-wide EHR conference and the National Association of Workforce Boards national conference in Washington, DC.

This could not be possible without the seed funding provided by the United Way, and your organization's faith that we could make inroads in this area. Thank you again to you and the United Way, and we will be certain to let people know about the role that the United Way has played in our work in this area.

Sincerely,



Don Nakamoto
Executive Director