

**RC Update for Heartland Advisory Board
January 11, 2008**

Sarah Lawrence Scholarship:

- RFA is out
- Selection Committee comprised of advocate, Sarah Lawrence program director, Jamie Kim, and state genetics coordinator
- Due date: February 1, 2008
- Action items: LW send selection cmte members the evaluation sheet for review and send last year's applicants their critiques.

Hiring external evaluator:

- See attached CV
- 4 individuals were recommended
 - 2 responded
 - 1 declined and recommended another person who was contacted but never responded
 - 1 is interested

Hiring administrative person:

- 75% time; administrative professional
- 2 interviews completed
- Many more applications to go through
- Hope to have someone on board by mid-February

Pilot Projects for 2007-2008:

- Time 3.5 months remaining in the project year
- Queried NBS Coordinators and State Genetics Coordinators with the question, "What could you do with \$35,000 - \$70,000?"
- Responses reflected true and immediate needs that clearly meet the intent of the HRSA initiative
- Propose that it remain competitive bid but limit applications to the state public health genetics programs