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Jaci Sutton has now completed her final report for the Bush Committee and has given a copy to me.

The project's original purpose was to provide an assessment of practices, courses, and resources as they pertained to the Coalition of Spirituality and Health sponsored by the University of South Dakota School of Medicine. Because that group's focus and mission remained vague and no one was really in charge of the program, I did not expect Jaci to fulfill the exact expectations of the original proposal. She did, however, accomplish some interesting things:

1. Attended a Conference last summer sponsored by the Metanexus Institute on Religion and Science. She gathered a great deal of data and has put this together in a notebook that is a good resource.
2. Continued research and reading of websites of other medical school's programs on spirituality and health
3. Worked through the literature of Culhane-Pera and Fadiman on spirituality and cultural diversity.
4. Integrated her research at the Penitentiary on cultural diversity with her work on spirituality and health care. Her summer work at the pen gave Jaci great opportunities to apply what she learned there to her work in healthcare.
5. Jaci will have an opportunity this spring to take Religion 254 and integrate the research from last summer into a final project on theology and medicine.

So, the experience gave Jaci opportunities for integrating her interests in spirituality and health into her academic work and in her vocational pursuits.

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