Ashley Graham-Perel and I are in the final stages of the video production for the H-21 Research Grant: *Bernardine Mays Lacey’s Oral History About Diversity and Inclusion, 1932-2021: A Video*.   We are working closely with the Barbara Bates Center and project to complete the video by the end of the year or sooner.  We have a rough draft of about 40 minutes of video that we are editing further to (about) 20 minutes in length.  Ashley and I interviewed additional nurse leaders who were mentored by Dr. Bernardine Lacy, as well as Dr. Lacey’s grandson.  These testimonials are threaded throughout the video to add support to Dr. Lacey’s narrative.  The video begins with a biographical description by Dr. Lacey herself, describing  growing up in Vicksburg, MS during the Jim Crow era. She explains what it was like attending a segregated school of nursing, and how she endured racial slurs and threats of violence during her career.  Yet her story is one that frames her successful accomplishments within a more diverse and inclusive worldview. The video portrays her many roles as a leader, mentor, nurse, and educator during the civil rights movement of the 1960s until today.  The video uses the following organizing themes: t*he Early Years and Nursing School; Continuing Her Education; the “Mentoring Posse”,  Nursing, Racism, and All things in Between; Paving the Path and Leading the Way; and The Legacy of Dr. Bernardine Lacey*.   In addition to the oral history and testimonies, we use music, voice over narration to introduce the various sections, and photographs that add contextual depth and breadth to the video. When completed we plan to showcase this video in a variety of organizational venues, such as the American Association for the History of Nursing, the Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing, the American Academy of Nursing, Lehman College (part of the City College of New York), Medger Evers College (in NYC) and additional venues yet to be determined (perhaps at the many wonderful history centers such as yours). We hope that the video will spark a conversation about diversity and inclusion in nursing and health care that Dr. Lacey wished to have with us all.   Since we are still editing there may be changes to the plan we have included above.  We also would like this video to be the first video in a series that perhaps will address much broader issues such as public health, social disparities, political advocacy, and volunteerism - all the topics that Dr. Lacey spoke about during her oral history.

Also, please find the financial report that I’ve attached below.

Thank you and the AAHN for affording us the  opportunity to produce this video.  We are excited to see it come together!  Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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