

**TO: Workforce Investment Board**

**DATE: 05/13/10**

**FROM: Executive Committee**

**For Discussion**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**SUBJECT: Merced College Course - Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) to Registered Nurse (RN) Training**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S):** Approve a direct contract with Merced College for an LVN to RN Pathway program (1,069 hours of instruction) for no more than 8 participants, beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$223,350, direct staff to negotiate the contract, and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

**DISCUSSION:** On May 3, 2010, the Executive Committee reviewed this item and approved the recommendation to contract with Merced College, however, further discussion (particularly the cost of the program) may be needed and therefore is provided for additional discussion. On April 14, 2010, the Quality Employment Development (QUED) committee recommended to move the proposal to the Executive Committee for discussion/action. The Merced College LVN to RN Pathway will provide training for Vocational Nurses which would require one academic year beyond completion of the prerequisite courses, non-nursing breath requirements, and competencies. The LVN to RN Pathway students would enter into the third semester of the RN curriculum after completion of the REGN-01 and all other perquisites. Graduates will earn the Associate in Science Degree on completion of designated courses and competency requirements. Services provided by Merced College shall include:

- Instructor Preparation Time and Institutional Research
- Operational Costs
- Classroom facility and equipment
- Clinical Coordination
- Use of the Assessment Technology Institute
- Materials and Supplies
- Instructor Mileage and Travel Expenses

**This partnership and contract with Merced College shall provide no more than eight (8) seats.**

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Proposal available at meeting.