

TO: Executive Committee

DATE: 11/02/09

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: LVN Program/Participant Support

PROPOSED MOTION(S): The Executive Committee review and discuss how to support the Merced College LVN cohort beginning in January of 2010, and take action to recommend the preferred option to the Workforce Investment Board.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Workforce Investment has supported the Merced College LVN Program most recently with the help of a Department of Labor grant. The grant paid for a college instructor and support services for participants to cover the cost of books, supplies, license fees and other necessary items. A key component/purpose of the grant was to build capacity for LVN training in the future. This grant will not support succeeding cohorts after the end of December 2009. There is an LVN cohort scheduled to begin in January 2010. Merced College has been hit with budget cuts in the recent past, and has asked the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to help support the LVN Program. Traditionally, the WIB has supported the program by contributing to the cost of instructors and/or giving support services to participants. The college has stated they are able to pay for instructors to teach 44 LVN students. The WIB is faced with a decision to help pay for an instructor and/or help students pay for support service expenses as mentioned. On average, support services generally cost about \$5000 per participant in the LVN Program; for example, support services for 10 LVN participants would cost approximately \$50,000.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A