

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 1/11/07

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Federal Nursing Grant

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: Merced, Stanislaus, and Madera Counties (under the title of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Nurse Collaborative) have been chosen to receive 1.8 million dollars from the President's Community-Based Job Training Grants from the Department of Labor.

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Nurse Collaborative will use the funds for capacity building and training for the critical Licensed Vocational Nurses shortage in the tri-county area healthcare system. The Merced County Department of Workforce Investment will manage the nursing project. Through innovative partnership design, the WIBs will conduct assessment, initial eligibility, and assist with the selection of program applicants as well as provide scholarships to students to help defray the costs associated with a nursing program.

Total grant covers a 3-year period and totals \$1,850,443.38. Merced County will receive \$850,633; Stanislaus County, \$498,694; and Madera County, \$501,115. The total number of new LVNs trained over the 3-year period is will increase from 122 to 170. At Merced College, the class size will increase from 24 to 40 participants.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A