

**TO: Planning, Policy Development &  
Legislation Committee**

**DATE: 1/23/02**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

- For Action
- For Information
- Meeting Notes

**SUBJECT: Expanded Registered Nurse [RN] Training for WIA Participants**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information**

**DISCUSSION:** At the present time, Merced College has a contract with Merced County and the Workforce Investment Board [WIB] to provide RN training for 12 WIA eligible individuals per year. Merced College, in conjunction with Mercy Hospital, is proposing a RN expansion program that would double the number of students in the current RN program.

The proposal is as follows:

Twenty four [24] new students will be enrolled each semester; six [6] of the 24 will be WIA eligible individuals funded by the WIB.

The WIB currently funds 12 students per year. By the 2004 Spring semester, the WIB would support 24 of the 96 RN students, each and every year.

The present contract for RN training runs through June 30, 2003. If the expansion program is approved, an amendment to the current contract will be required. The current 12 enrolled students will graduate under this contract. However, beginning in August 2002, no new students will be funded under this contract. Instead, monies slated for new students will be deobligated and used to help fund the expanded RN program. That contract would begin in July, 2002.

Merced College is currently working the budget for the expansion program. The budget and a proposed contract will be brought back to the Committee for action in February with subsequent action by the WIB in March 2002.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

