

To: Workforce Investment Board

Date: 3/22/01

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FROM: Executive Committee

SUBJECT: Extension of Contract with Merced College for Registered Nurse (RN) and Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) training.

PROPOSED MOTION: That the WIB extend the contracts for RN (Contract # 99117) and LVN (Contract # 9858), training at Merced College through June 30, 2002.

DISCUSSION: The RN and LVN contracts will expire on June 30, 2001 and the college has asked PITD to extend them through June 30, 2002. In April 2001, the college will begin making their selections for the available slots in both the RN and LVN programs. Once selections are made, six applicants, not selected by the college (6 from each program), who meet eligibility requirements, will be sponsored by PITD and enrolled into the RN program (depending on program eligibility and available slots). The college has also requested that six additional slots be added to the LVN contract. Negotiations between PITD and Merced College will be Conducted, prior to the April selections.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: At their meeting on March 8, 2001, the Executive Committee asked if the class size for both programs could be increased for additional trainees per class. The question was also raised regarding whether or not LVN and RN trainees could be asked to sign an agreement stating that they would seek employment locally and remain in the area for a specific amount of time. These areas are being staffed and will be bought back to the WIB at a later date. The committee also asked for enrollment and completion numbers: To-date, 12 have been enrolled into the RN program and 8 remain. Of those, 3 are in their final semester and 5 are completing their second semester. The LVN Program has enrolled 34. Of those, 28 have graduated and 6 others are in their second semester.

ATTACHEMNTS: Program Costs