

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

DATE: 4/24/02

FROM: WIB Staff

- For Action**
- For Information**
- Meeting Notes**

SUBJECT: Expanded Registered Nurse [RN] Program

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information

DISCUSSION: The WIB, at their March 24, 2002 meeting, voted to support and fund the RN expansion program with Merced College as follows:

Starting Aug 2002, 24 new students will be enrolled each semester; six of the 24 will be WIA eligible and funded by the WIB. By Jan 2004, 96 students will be enrolled in the RN program; 24 will be supported by the WIB for a maximum of two years.

Cost for the two year contract for 24 WIA participants will be \$297,417, plus supportive services. Total cost of the contract will be \$594,834 with the other \$297,417 furnished by different agencies.

Since the March 24th WIB meeting, Merced College has revised the budget regarding the WIB's involvement. The total budget remains over \$594,000, however the WIB's cost would be approximately \$165,000 vs. \$297,417.

Dr. Mike Cuchna, Dean of Instruction, Merced College and Penny Sawyer, Director, LVN Program, Merced College will be at the Committee meeting on April 24, 2002 to provide additional details.

ATTACHMENT(S): Proposed Budget

