

TO: WIB Executive Committee

DATE: 04/25/05

FROM: Program Planning & Development

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Continuation of Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) Program

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Continue the Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) Program with Merced College through December 31, 2006.

DISCUSSION: Since July 1, 2002, the Workforce Investment Board, through a contract between the Department of Workforce Investment and Merced College, has provided training to WIA participants in the Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) Program.

LVN training is provided over three semesters taking a total of 18 months. The present contract will end June 30, 2005, at a total cost not to exceed \$101,822. The new contract will train 12 new students at a newly budgeted cost of \$106,914. Cost per participant is \$8,909, an increase of \$424 per student. The contract will run from July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006. The increased cost of the contract is due to increases in the College's benefits package.

The LVN training program has been a success. The original program began September 9, 1997, and 30 Private Industry Council/Workforce Investment Board sponsored LVNs have graduated with an average starting wage of \$31,000 a year. According to a July 2002 report by the Health Resources and Services Administration, the existing LVN shortage is expected to intensify.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A