

**TO: Workforce Investment Board**

**DATE: 05/10/07**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Sponsorship of Registered Nurse Program**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Discuss the WIB's sponsorship of the Registered Nurse Program.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**2004 - Workforce Investment Board committed to sponsoring 24 student Registered Nurses (RN) at Merced College to help expand the College's program from 48 to 96 students.**

**2005 – EDD Grant was received to fund the WIB's commitment to the RN program.**

**2007 – EDD grant will end June 30, 2007.**

**6/1/07 Funding for RN program must now come again from Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult funds, or, outside sources.**

**Costs/Funding**

- 1. College has increased the cost to train RNs by 32% since 2004. Next year's costs are forecast to rise an additional 10%.**
- 2. WIA funds have been reduced by 40% over the same time period.**
- 3. New RN grants have not been found.**

**Ameliorative Actions**

**Workforce Investment is in dialogue with Merced College helping to find new funding sources. Talks Include:**

- Fresno Hospital Council**
- Stanislaus Hospital Council**

**WIB Sponsored RN Program Scenarios:**

**Scenario 1: Continue to sponsor 24 of the 96 RNs in training each year at Merced College.**

- **Contracted cost (2007) - Contract funds increased teaching capacity -an Instructor and clinical assistant.** **\$119,440**
  
- **Supportive Services (2007) - Includes books, equipment, fees, uniforms, testing.** **15,890**
  
- **2008 expected cost – 5/10% more** **\$135,392**

**Scenario 2: Commitment to the 14 remaining students, no new students.**

- **Contracted costs (2007)** **\$94,728**
  
- **Supportive Services (2007)** **6,850**
  
- **Contracted Cost (2008)** **\$101,578**
  
- **Supportive Services (2008)** **2,716**
  
- **Total** **\$27,428**

**Total to graduate all 14 -** **\$129,006**

**Scenario 3: Supportive Services only, no new students, no contract.**

- **2007 Cost** **\$6,850**
  
- **2008 Cost** **2,716**
  
- **Total** **\$9,566**

**Recommended Decision Process:**

- 1. Wait until the College has had an opportunity to talk with Fresno and Stanislaus Hospital Councils.**
  
- 2. Progress and recommendation for WIB participation can come to the Executive Committee and WIB in June/July 2007.**