

**To: Planning and Policy Committee**

**Date: May 23, 2001**

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

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**SUBJECT: Increase of WIA Sponsored RN Students at Merced College**

**PROPOSED MOTION:** That the Planning and Policy Committee recommend to the WIB that it approve funding to increase the number of WIA sponsored RN students at Merced College from 6 per year to 12 per year and to extend the term of the contract from one to two years.

**DISCUSSION:** Each year, WIA funds 6 new students in Merced College's Registered Nurse Program. The cost of the program has been \$6250 per participant, \$37,500 a year total. Recognizing the expanding demand for nurses, and in response to a request from the WIB Executive Committee, Merced College was asked to explore the possibility of starting an additional RN class in Fall 2001. Six additional slots in the class would be offered for WIA students, bring the total number of new WIA sponsored students to 12.

The cost of next year's training will rise to \$6,950 per student due to increased salary and benefit costs and equipment purchases. The cost to train the original 6 students will therefore rise from \$37,500 to \$41,700. With the addition of 6 students, the total cost of the contract per year will increase to \$83,400.