

TO: Workforce Investment Board

Date: May 24, 2001

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 Meeting Notes

FROM: Planning and Policy Development Committee

SUBJECT: Registered Nurse Training

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Board authorize funding to increase the number of WIA sponsored RN students at Merced College from 6 per year to 12 per year and extend the term of the RN training 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 clients, bringing the total number of new WIA sponsored clients to 12.

The cost of training for Program Year 2001/2002 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 will increase to \$83,400 per year.