

**TO: Workforce Investment Board**

**DATE: 07/12/07**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Registered Nurse Program**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only**

**DISCUSSION:** In 2004, the Workforce Investment Board committed Workforce Investment Act (WIA) adult funds to increase Merced College's capacity to provide training to registered nurses. Of the 96 students enrolled, 24 were WIA funded. By 2005, with rapidly declining allocations of WIA funding from Department of Labor, the WIB realized it could no longer fund 24 RNs per year with available WIA funds. Fortuitously, in 2005, Governor's discretionary grant monies were received to fund the program until 2007.

The grant funding has now expired, and WIA funding has been further reduced to a level that WIB sponsorship of RN training is not feasible.

On June 4, 2007, during the Executive Committee meeting, a representative from Merced College thanked the WIB for its contributions to the Registered Nurse program. He assured the committee that even without WIB participation, Merced College would maintain its class size and RNs would continue to be trained at the increased class size of 96.

The Executive Committee committed to continuing to search for additional RN funding.

**ATTACHMENT(S): N/A**