

**TO: Program Planning & Development**

**DATE: 8/25/05**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Healthcare Forum**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): That a Healthcare Forum be convened for the purpose of discussion of Healthcare employment needs between industry representatives and Workforce Investment Board members.**

**DISCUSSION: During the July 28, 2005 meeting of the Program Planning & Development Committee, it was directed that planning begin on a Healthcare Forum.**

**Recommended Healthcare organizations to present include:**

**Hospital – Mercy Medical Center Merced**

**Bloss Castle Family Health Centers**

**Community Health Center – Golden Valley Health Centers**

**Residential Care & Skilled Nursing – New Bethany Residential Care & Skilled Nursing**

**Pharmacies - ?**

**Mental Health Services for Merced County**

**Recommendations from committee members are encouraged.**

**Date: October 13<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) is suggested.**

**Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm**

**Where: Sam Pipes Room**

**Agenda: Similar to the past Contractor’s Forum. Invitations could be sent to Healthcare professionals as attendees, but the presenters would be those chosen by the committee. The forum would include brief introductions, a statement from the WIB explaining their intent to aid the Healthcare Industry fill its employment needs, and then presentations from Healthcare businesses concerning their present and future workforce needs and problems.**

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