

**TO: Workforce Investment Board**

**DATE: 11/12/09**

**FROM: Executive Committee**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: LVN Program/Participant Support**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S):** For the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to ratify the 11/2/09 Executive Committee decision to support the Merced College LVN Program by providing supportive services to participants not to exceed \$80,000 for the January 2010-June 2011 cohort.

**DISCUSSION:** The Department of Workforce Investment has supported the Merced College LVN Program most recently with the help of a Department of Labor grant. The grant paid for a college instructor and support services for participants to cover the cost of books, supplies, license fees and other necessary items. A key component/purpose of the grant was to build capacity for LVN training in the future. The grant will end December 2009. There is an LVN cohort scheduled to begin in January 2010. Merced College has been hit with budget cuts in the recent past, and has asked the WIB to help support the LVN Program. Traditionally, the WIB has supported the program by contributing to the cost of instructors and/or giving support services to participants. The college has stated they are able to pay for instructors to teach 44 LVN students. The WIB is faced with a decision to help pay for an instructor and/or help students pay for support service expenses as mentioned. On average, support services generally cost about \$5000 per participant in the LVN Program.

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