

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kathy Gallagher, Director
Social Services Department

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SUBJECT: Amendments to the Nurse Workforce Initiative (NWI) contracts for the Provision of Licensed Vocational Nurse Training and Retention Services.

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No 1 to approve revisions of appropriations and services to the contracts with three vendors that provide training and retention services under the Nurse Workforce Initiative.

- a) Cottage Health Systems, a local vendor, reduce funding by \$21,913 for a new total contract amount of \$121,787.00;
- b) County of Ventura, not a local vendor, reduce funding by \$47,513 for a new total contract amount of \$758,007.00;
- c) San Luis Obispo Private Industry Council, not a local vendor, reduce funding by \$67,370.00 for a new total contract amount of \$210,437.00.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 7: Families and Children – A community that fosters the safety and well-being of families and children.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

In an effort to address the critical nursing shortage that exists in the State, the Governor set aside a separate funding allocation to begin to address this need.

The Workforce Investment Board of Santa Barbara County was awarded a \$2,100,000 multi-year regional grant from these funds to increase the number of licensed nurses in Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo Counties.

Approximately two years ago the Board authorized the Department of Social Services to enter into agreements with local and regional partners to address the critical nursing shortage that exists in the State.

Since that time three of our partners have determined that their initial proposals were unrealistic and that both enrollment and expenditure goals were overly optimistic. At the same time the State has indicated that if we don't meet enrollment and expenditure goals, that funding is at risk for being de-obligated.

To ensure that we retain sufficient funding to meet regional nurse workforce needs, a portion of the unused funding will be reallocated to two other partners both of whom are meeting or exceeding their enrollment and expenditure goals. The remainder will be returned to the State (\$104,695). The chart below indicates the partners, the original amount of the contract, the contract change, revised contract total, and rationale for the change:

Local/Regional Partners	Original Contract Amount	Contract Term Period	Amended Amount	Revised Contract Total	Rationale
San Luis Obispo PIC-Cuesta College	\$277,807	10/1/02 thru 6/30/06	-\$67,370	\$210,437	Cuesta College unable to meet enrollment goals for Dominguez Hills BSN program.
Cottage Health System	\$143,700	2/1/03 thru 9/30/05	-\$21,913	\$121,787	Cottage Health System unable to attract re-entry nurses into their program.
Ventura County	\$805,520	1/1/03 thru 6/30/06	-\$47,513	\$758,007	Adjust for termination of services through Simi Valley Adult School.
*Santa Barbara City College	\$200,000	7/1/03 thru 5/31/06	+29,496	\$229,496	Santa Barbara City College to use funding to update classroom equipment and provide part-time remedial and clinical tutoring.
*Allan Hancock College	\$200,000	4/1/03 thru 12/31/05	-\$40,810	\$159,190	Slow start up and implementation has lead to inability to spend entire grant amount.
Total	\$1,627,027		(\$148,112)	\$1,478,915	

Funding in the amount of \$516,388 is allocated for program and administrative costs for Santa Barbara County including supportive services for in-county contracts, project oversight, and MIS (Management Information Systems).

* Contract amendments approved by Board of Supervisors on 3/805.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The Nurse Workforce Initiative is a competitively awarded program utilizing Governor's 15% Discretionary Workforce Investment Act Funds. This tri-County award was one of 13 grants awarded out of 57 applications and will address the acute demand for nurses in Santa Barbara County. All project graduates will be readily employable locally upon program completion and successfully passing state licensing requirements.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

These contracts are 100% funded by 15% Discretionary Workforce Investment Act Funds. There will be no County General Funds used to support this program. The FY 04/05 appropriations for these contracts are included on D-216 of the 2004/2005 approved budget. These appropriations are included in the Workforce Investment Act sub-division within the Public Assistance Division.

Sufficient Nurse Workforce Initiative funds have been allocated to Santa Barbara County to meet the contracted amount. No County general funds are involved in this agreement.

Special Instructions:

After execution by the Chair, please return one (1) originally-signed agreement for each Contractor, the Department copy of each agreement, and one (1) copy of the minute order attention: Heather Gardner. Addition: Ventura County contract, please return three (3) originally-signed agreements.

Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller
County Counsel