

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Health Agency - Behavioral Health Services	(2) MEETING DATE June 6, 2006	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Karen Baylor, Ph.D. Behavioral Health Administrator (805) 781-4734	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a FY 2006-07 renewal contract (Clerk's File) with San Luis Obispo County Community College District to provide training for its Cuesta College students.			
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST Since 1967, Mental Health has participated in a training program with SLO County Community College District to offer nursing students an opportunity to gain experience in psychiatric healthcare. Students are primarily engaged in observation and learning, but do participate in several activities with clients. Nursing students receive their training from Cuesta College instructors and are covered under the liability and insurance provided by the college. There is no monetary compensation to either party associated with the program. The collaboration benefits Mental Health by supporting clinical programs that increase the number of qualified nurses in our community.			
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve the FY2006-07 renewal contract (Clerk's File) with San Luis Obispo County Community College District.			
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(8) CURRENT YEAR COST None	(9) ANNUAL COST None	(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST): County Counsel			
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help _____			
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All	(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(16) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)	(17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(19) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) _____	(21) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	(22) Agenda Item History <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date 07-19-05	
(23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;"> B-18 (6.6.06) </div>			

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO



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From: Karen Baylor, Ph.D., Behavioral Health Services Administrator

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Date: June 6, 2006

Subject: Request to approve a FY 2006-07 renewal contract (Clerk's File) with San Luis Obispo County Community College District to provide training for its Cuesta College nursing students.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve the FY 2006-2007 renewal contract (Clerk's File) with San Luis Obispo County Community College District to provide training for its Cuesta College nursing students.

DISCUSSION:

Since 1967, Mental Health has participated in a training program with the San Luis Obispo County Community College District. The educational program designed for Cuesta College nursing students provides the opportunity to gain valuable experience in a psychiatric health facility or outpatient setting. Although students are primarily engaged in observation and learning, they do participate in several activities with clients. Such participation may include taking vital signs, monitoring meals, reading charts, and sitting with children. Students also occasionally observe court proceedings related to client cases. Students do not participate in client containment, therapy, chart documentation, or other activities requiring licensed staff.

Nursing students assigned to the Psychiatric Health Facility and outpatient service sites receive their training from Cuesta College instructors. The college also provides the required liability and insurance coverage for students participating in the program. Observational opportunities and clinical experience are essential elements in the students' course of study. Approximately 15 nursing students participate in the program throughout the semester. Students are transitioned through the program in groups of two or three, and assigned to several weeks of full-day sessions on the unit. Mental Health benefits from this collaboration by supporting clinical programs that increase the number of qualified nurses in our community.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract as to form and legal effect.

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FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The clinical training offered Cuesta College nursing students is a collaborative program which involves no monetary compensation for services by either County or District. The sole compensation consists of mutual assurances and performance of the obligations set forth in the contract.

RESULTS:

By assisting students in the completion of their studies, Mental Health increases the pool of available candidates from which it can draw future employees. This is especially important because a shortage of nurses makes recruitment and adequate staffing of the inpatient unit difficult.

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