

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

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| (1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health | (2) MEETING DATE 8/13/2013 | (3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Collins, ASM, 788-2932 Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729 | |
| (4) SUBJECT Request to approve a contract with Allan Hancock Joint Community College District for Fiscal Years 2013-16 to provide training for its Allan Hancock College nursing students. | | | |
| (5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct Chairperson to sign a contract for Fiscal Years 2013-16 with Allan Hancock Joint Community College District to provide training for its Allan Hancock College nursing students. | | | |
| (6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A | (7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00 | (8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00 | (9) BUDGETED? No |
| (10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___) | | | |
| (11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | | | |
| (12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A | | (13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | |
| (14) LOCATION MAP N/A | (15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No | (16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____ | |
| (17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW | | | |
| (18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts - | | | |

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director

DATE: 8/13/2013

SUBJECT: Request to approve a contract with Allan Hancock Joint Community College District for Fiscal Years 2013-16 to provide training for its Allan Hancock College nursing students.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve and direct Chairperson to sign a contract for Fiscal Years 2013-16 with Allan Hancock Joint Community College District to provide training for its Allan Hancock College nursing students.

DISCUSSION

Behavioral Health has participated in training and education programs designed for nursing students since 1967 with Cuesta College. Allan Hancock College would now like to collaborate with the County in a similar program. These programs provide students with 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 the clients. Such participation may include taking vital signs, monitoring meals, reading charts, and sitting with any children in the children's ward. 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 Allan Hancock 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 are assigned to several weeks of full-day sessions. Behavioral 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 the contract as to form and legal effect. Allan Hancock Joint Community College District requests County provide the clinical settings for their nursing program.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The clinical training offered to Allan Hancock College nursing students is a collaborative program which involves no monetary compensation for services by either County or the Community College District.

RESULTS

Behavioral Health is providing training for nursing students at Allan Hancock College at no cost to the County or the District. This valuable program provides real life experience in a psychiatric inpatient unit or outpatient setting to nursing students who otherwise would not have the opportunity to do so. The nursing students have the opportunity to work with individuals with mental illness and gain a broader base of knowledge and an understanding of the various types of nursing

services that are needed in the community. Student nursing contracts assist the Behavioral Health Department by providing a larger future pool of qualified nurses to provide services to behavioral health clients. Providing the most appropriate services to these clients increases their probability of positive treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Allan Hancock College Contract FY 13-14