

## **Update on Districtwide Health Fee Initiative**

### **Summary of Proposed Project:**

The health fee initiative was approved by the Board of Trustees in January 2010. The fee is now being charged for students who are enrolling for the Fall 2010. The proposed project will provide additional health services for students. It is anticipated that sufficient funding will be available for one centralized clinic, and, eventually, satellite services for each campus. Centralized clinic services at Laney College will begin in Fall 2010. Services for Fall 2010 at the other PCCD campuses have yet to be determined.

The clinical services will be offered by a consortium of Asian Health Services, Clinica de la Raza and Lifelong Medical Care. On-site services will provide limited outpatient services and employ a physician, clinical supervisor, medical assistant, receptionist/biller, and a patient resources person. Mental health services will be provided by a licensed clinical social worker, at locations to be determined.

In conjunction with the health fee initiative, Single Stop USA services are currently being offered at Laney College. The purpose of this organization is to identify untapped public benefits, tax credits and services that financially benefit the student. These services include counseling, financial assistant and some legal services. There is no cost to the health fee for this agency.

### **Current Status: Planning**

- PCCD Administration: Associate Vice Chancellor James Bracy. Dr. Patricia Dudley, COA Health Services Coordinator, is assisting Mr. Bracy.
- The community partners in this project have provided a planning consultant, Jen Lee, from Asian Health Services. She has been hired for a two year period.
- PBIM:
  - Presentation of the need for a centralized clinic for health services was presented to the District Facilities Committee in Fall 2010.
  - Informational item regarding current status of the health fee initiative project was presented to the Planning and Budget council on 4/23/10.
  - Informational item regarding current status of the health fee initiative project will be presented to the District Education Committee on 4/30/10.
  - A permanent home for the centralized health clinic will be incorporated into the Laney College Facilities Master Plan, and the current PBIM model will be followed.

### **Current Status: Budgeting**

- The health fee is being collected. Revenues for use for the project anticipate a 25% uncollectible fee write-off. The current budget estimates include no additional funding from outside sources during years one and two.
- The budget for 2010-2011 includes a centralized clinic with a 20 hour work week (four personnel), and a 40 hour per week for a receptionist/resource person. It also includes a 40 hour per week mental health specialist.
- County of Alameda: The County is assisting with additional funds for this project. Current estimates for additional outside funds are at least a dollar-for-dollar match to those collected at PCCD, possibly a higher match in the future. It will

not be known until well into the 2010-2011 year how much revenue can be leveraged. ACHS has already applied for one grant.

- Measure A has awarded \$2,000,000 for building costs. It is projected the first remodel for the centralized clinic at Laney College will be \$50,000 – 60,000. Remodel costs for the subsequent move into portable facilities have not been estimated.
- It has been requested that the salaries and benefits for the nurses at Laney and College of Alameda be provided by revenues from the health fee (the nurse from Merritt will be retiring 6/2010). During year 2010-2011, it is anticipated that 0.6 of one position can be paid out of health fee revenues. During 2011-2012, as revenues from summer intersession are realized and income and expenses are stabilized, both salaries from the college nurses may potentially be included with the health fee.

#### **Current Status: Facilities**

- A site for temporary quarters for the centralized health clinic has been identified on the fourth floor of the Student Center at Laney College. It is hoped that this facility will be ready by the 8/23 fall semester opening date. Costs are quoted above.
- Because of extensive remodeling projects at the Laney campus, including the Student Center, in approximately 12-18 months the centralized clinic will move into portable buildings, until such time as a permanent home is identified and constructed.
- Facilities for a mental health counselor have been identified at Berkeley City College, College of Alameda, and Merritt College.

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