

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Agenda Report
For the Trustee Meeting Date of April 12, 2011

ITEM # 16

ITEM TITLE:

Health Careers Opportunity Program Grant

SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Letter of Intent to apply for Health Careers Opportunity Program Grant

ITEM SUMMARY:

The goal of the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) is to assist individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to undertake education to enter a health profession. The HCOP program works to build diversity in the health fields by providing students from disadvantaged backgrounds an opportunity to develop the skills needed to successfully compete, enter and graduate from health professions schools. The purpose of the grant is to:

- 1) Identify, recruit, and select individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds for education and training in a health profession;
- 2) facilitate the entry of such individuals into college;
- 3) Provide counseling, mentoring, or other services designed to assist such individuals to complete successfully their education;
- 4) Provide preliminary education and health research training designed to assist them to complete successfully regular course education, or referring individuals to institutions providing preliminary education;
- 5) Publicize existing sources of financial aid available to students in the education program or who are undertake training necessary to qualify them to enroll in a program;
- 6) Carrying out programs under which individuals gain experience regarding a career in a field of primary health care through working at facilities of public or private nonprofit community-based providers of primary health services;
- 7) Conduct activities to develop a larger and more competitive applicant pool through partnerships with institutions of higher education, school districts and other community-based entities.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

As the U.S. population grows the need for a diverse health professions' workforce has become more important than ever. Increasing racial and ethnic diversity among health professionals is important because evidence indicates that diversity is associated with improved access to care for racial and ethnic minority patients, greater patient choice and satisfaction, and better educational experiences for health professional students.

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):

Department of Education

OTHER DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THIS ACTION (E.G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY):

YES _____ NO _____

COMMENTS:

WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING?

Vice Chancellor Deborah Budd

DID A BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE ITEM? YES _____ No X

_____ IF "YES", PLEASE INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION IN YOUR SUMMARY.

(****Board contract approval is subject to negotiation and execution by the Chancellor.)

PLEASE ACQUIRE SIGNATURES IN THIS ORDER:

DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:

Prepared by: Carmen N. Fairley Date: 4/6/11
Carmen N. Fairley, Staff Services Specialist

DOCUMENT PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY:

Presented and approved by: Deborah Budd Date: 4/6/11
Deborah Budd, Vice Chancellor for Educational Services

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW

Finance review required Finance review *not* required

If Finance review is required, determination is: Approved Not Approved

If not approved, please give reason: _____

Signature: Ron Gerhard electronically by ve Date: 4/7/11
Ron Gerhard, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

GENERAL COUNSEL (Legality and Format/adherence to Education Codes):

Legal review required Legal review *not* required

If Legal review is required, determination is: Approved Not Approved

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Thuy T. Nguyen, General Counsel

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL

Approved, and Place on Agenda Not Approved, but Place on Agenda

Signature: Wise E. Allen Date: 4/7/11
Wise E. Allen, Chancellor