

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Agenda Report
For the Trustee Meeting Date of June 26, 2012

ITEM TITLE:

Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) Grant Application for Laney College

SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Chancellor approved the intent to apply during Board recess. Consider ratification and approval to proceed with the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) grant for Laney College. The YEP grant will create a partnership among Laney College, the American Indian Child Resource Center (AICRC), Emiliano Zapata Street Academy, and Alameda County Health Care Services Agency to provide comprehensive and culturally appropriate Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) interventions for American Indian/ Alaska Native youth through a project titled *21 Generations: Creating Healthy Outcomes In Native Youth*.

ITEM SUMMARY:

To address the multiple health risk behaviors experienced by urban American Indian/ Alaska Native AI /AN youth, Laney College plans to collaborate with the American Indian Child Resource Center (AICRC) to access and service this vulnerable and resilient population of youth. The AICRC was established in 1974, and has a solid connection with the local Native community and serves a multi-tribal community with members from approximately 70 tribes. The agency's mission guides all of the program services: To preserve and promote the integrity and culture of American Indian youth and their families in our community. Emiliano Zapata Street Academy, a charter high school, plans to allow AICRC staff to facilitate life skills training to students in required after school courses. EZSA has a large AI/AN student population and a strong working relationship and history of successful collaboration with AICRC. Alameda County Health Care Services Agency will provide technical assistance and support with evaluation implementation for the proposed project. Programming will utilize evidence-based and culturally focused services throughout to appeal to youth participants. Intergenerational approaches to educational elements will be employed in addition to monthly parent meetings to encourage parent engagement. Programming will include developing educational and culturally relevant curriculum and interventions and implementation of existing services at the AICRC.

SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):

Source of funding will come from granting agency, Office of the Secretary, Office of Minority Health. Estimated funding is \$300,000 each year for five years.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Extreme health disparities continue to be present in AI/AN communities. Culturally focused interventions must be implemented to address overwhelming health and safety issues that exist in this group. Therefore, it is proposed that programming will utilize already established interventions at AICRC and develop additional culturally focused curriculum. AICRC is a social services agency that provides comprehensive programming to AI/AN youth and their families in Oakland. Priority health and safety issues that will be addressed within proposed programming include violence prevention, behavioral and mental health, reproductive health/risky sexual behavior, and tobacco prevention and control. Overall goals of the comprehensive programming will aim to improve youth participants' life and decision-making skills, health and safety choices, academic outcomes, negative mental health symptoms, career opportunities, and positive connection to culture and community.

DELIVERABLES AND SCOPE OF WORK:

Overall goals of the comprehensive programming will aim to improve youth participants' life and decision-making skills, healthy and safe choices, academic outcomes, negative mental health symptoms, career opportunities, and positive connection to culture and community. Specific program objectives include: youth participants will improve their knowledge of positive life skills and their connections to cultural traditions and customs of AI/ANs; youth will improve their knowledge of suicide prevention techniques, coping strategies, and positive life skills; AICRC staff will develop a comprehensive and culturally appropriate sexual health curriculum, youth will improve their knowledge of harmful effects of using commercial tobacco; youth participants will understand the connection between diet and exercise to physical health; youth will improve their knowledge of sexual health and safe practices, youth will improve their academic achievements; youth will receive trainings on college and career preparation; and youth attitudes towards violence/aggression.

ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE:

September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2017.

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

YES _____ NO _____

COMMENTS:

WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING?

Dr. Debbie Budd, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services

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

DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:

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DOCUMENT PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY:

Presented and approved by: Elnora Webb Date: 6-18-12
Dr. Elnora T. Webb, President, Laney College

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: Ronald Gerhard Date: 6-21-12
Ron Gerhard, Chief Financial Officer

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: _____
General Counsel

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL

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

Signature: Wise E. Allen Date: 6-19-12
Dr. Wise E. Allen, Chancellor