



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an affiliate agreement with California State University, Long Beach, for one year, to provide nursing student fieldwork experience, and execute amendments to extend the term for three additional periods of one year each. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Since 1982, the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has provided the use of its clinical facilities to California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) Nursing Program students. This arrangement is mutually beneficial, allowing the students to gain required field experience and providing the clinics with knowledgeable volunteer interns. The students are supervised and required to comply with all applicable DHHS policies, procedures and regulations. CSULB maintains its own insurance coverage and requires students participating in fieldwork programs to maintain their own professional liability insurance as well. Nursing students interning in the DHHS nursing clinics and programs through this agreement will not displace or replace any City employee in the course of their training.

The City has had previous agreements with CSULB for nursing student fieldwork experience. The proposed agreement will be for a period of one year, with amendments to extend the term for three additional periods of one year each. The program operates at no cost to the City, DHHS, CSULB or the students.

Over the past 23 years, the DHHS has had similar agreements with California State University, Dominguez Hills, California State University, Fullerton and Long Beach City College that have enabled hundreds of nursing students to gain experience. Additionally, nursing program students who obtain field experience at the DHHS become qualified candidates upon graduation for positions at the DHHS and throughout health care fields within the Long Beach community and surrounding areas. This is a critical effort to respond to a national nursing shortage.

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This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on March 23, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on March 14, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER