

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



ACTION ITEM #1.6

SUBMITTAL DATE: July 13, 2009

SUBJECT: Workforce Investment Board co-sponsorship of the Lean Six Sigma Project

RECOMMENDATION: That the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Committee approves \$50,000 in federal WIA funds to support the Regional Lean Six Sigma Project in partnership with the San Bernardino Workforce Investment Board.

Background:

The Lean Six Sigma Project is a regional initiative designed to provide Inland area hospitals with consultation services to assist them with implementing Lean Six Sigma principles. Lean Six Sigma is a set of process improvement methodologies that help organizations streamline operations to help them become more efficient and effective. In the current economic conditions, it is imperative that we provide the tools to support our Inland area hospitals with sustaining their current workforce levels through more efficient operating processes.

The Lean Six Sigma Project will provide an initial orientation meeting to explain how the principles work followed by a series of individual hospital meetings to assist interested hospitals with implementation strategies. Hospital executives from both counties' acute care hospitals will be invited to attend the initial meeting to gain a better understanding of how the Lean Six Sigma concepts can be applied and utilized. Hospitals that want Individual site visits will be scheduled to further refine and target the concepts for those hospitals interested in implementing the principles. Riverside County will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with San Bernardino County to provide our share of the funding.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Date: Approval: Yes/No	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE Required: Yes/No
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