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\$2,892,000 Public-Private Partnership Pilot Program Grants Announced under Governor’s California Nurse Education Initiative

Sacramento – Pilot grants have been awarded to seven public-private partnerships to expand nursing education in California under the Governor’s Task Force for the California Nurse Education Initiative. The grants will leverage existing nursing education program experts through distance education to expand capacity in our RN programs. The grants will also expand regional simulation collaboration between schools and hospitals, and provide clinical faculty training across the state, opening more clinical slots for nursing students across the state. Duane Dauner, CEO of the California Hospital Association said, “We see tremendous potential in these grants and look forward to continuing to partner with the Governor’s office in expanding nursing education.”

The pilot programs receiving the funding are listed below. The figures in the left column indicate the amount of the grant, with a 1:1 match requirement from each of the partners.

\$200,000	Los Angeles County Nursing and Allied Health College
\$200,000	Chico Rural Simulation Center of Excellence (serving 16 counties)
\$100,000	Southern Central CA Regional Nursing Clinical Simulation Center
\$250,000	Humboldt Bay Regional Simulation Center (College of the Redwoods)
\$200,000	Southern CA Regional Simulation Center (CSU San Marcos)
\$250,000	CINHC Accelerated Clinical Faculty Program
\$200,000	CSU Dominguez Hills
\$ 46,000	CSU Chico

The Governor’s initiative is anchored by a \$90 million, five-year public-private partnership that focuses on expansion of nurse education capacity, faculty development, student support services, including loan forgiveness, and additional funding for nursing schools. In just 24 months, enrollment in California nursing programs has increased by 24%, with over 22,000 students currently enrolled. In addition, the Board of Registered Nurse projections indicate that with over 10,000 RNs graduating this year, we will have expanded RN graduates by more than 50% in the past four years. In 2007-08 alone, over \$47 million was provided to the 3 public school systems in CA for nursing education which shows the Governor’s ongoing commitment to nursing education.

The Governor’s Nurse Education Initiative was announced on April 13, 2005. <http://gov.ca.gov/press-release/2046/> For more information on the Governor’s Nurse Education Initiative, go to www.labor.ca.gov.

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