

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO A COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL MASTER AGREEMENT
WITH THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into a Cooperative Educational Master Agreement with the Cook County Board of Commissioners to provide training facilities at various Cook County affiliated hospitals for the clinical portion of the Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Program and programs affiliated with the Education-to-Careers Health Occupations Cluster at no cost to the Board. A written master agreement is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event the written master agreement is not executed within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this master agreement is stated below.

PARTICIPATING ENTITY: Cook County Board of Commissioners
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Chicago, Illinois 60612
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312-572-4385

USER: Office of Education-to-Careers
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Chicago, Illinois 60603
Contact Person: Jill Wine-Banks, Officer
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TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is signed and shall end on November 30, 2009.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The LPN Program is a state-approved two-year Education-to-Careers Program. Junior and senior students participating in the program attend their home high school for morning academic classes and report to one of the citywide high school sites for technical training by CPS staff. The current citywide high school sites are: Crane Tech Prep Common, Fenger Academy, DuSable High School, Roosevelt High School, and Westinghouse Career Academy. Students in their junior and senior years are required to complete a clinical portion of 240 hours, six – nine hours per week for thirty-nine weeks, of work-based learning experiences at the local hospitals.

The Health Occupations Cluster oversees approved career education programs in the high schools which have a healthcare focus. Students receive career awareness and training in the healthcare field. Programs are currently offered at sixteen high schools and include career exploration, periodic fieldtrips and specialized lectures, basic healthcare skills training, research projects, mentoring, volunteer opportunities, work-based internships and clinical experiences. All junior and senior students participate in work-based experiences.

PARTICIPATING COOK COUNTY HOSPITALS: CPS students participating in the LPN Program and the Health Occupations Cluster may be assigned to any of Cook County affiliated hospitals subject to the execution of a participating hospital program addendum to the Master Agreement outlining the clinical training program details for such hospital. The current seven (7) Cook County affiliated hospitals are: Stroger Hospital, Provident Hospital, Oak Forest Hospital, Ambulatory and Community Health Network, Cermak Health Services, CORE Health Center and the Cook County Department of Public Health. No students in the LPN Program shall access any Cook County hospital facility for training purposes prior to the execution of a written program addendum to the Master Agreement for such participating hospital.

OUTCOMES: Students who successfully complete the LPN Program, including the clinical portion, will be eligible to sit for the Illinois Practical Nursing Licensing exam. All junior and senior students participating in the health occupations cluster will have work-based experiences.

COMPENSATION: None

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written master agreement and participating hospital program addendums. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the master agreement. Authorize the Chief Education Officer to execute the participating hospital program addendums.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not Applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

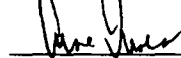
Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer


Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 


Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel 