Assessment Plan

Yuba Community College District

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Program Description: Human Services is currently revamping the curriculum in order to provide greater opportunities for successful transfer of students into CSU and the UC Systems. The following courses are currently being offered at Yuba College:

Year of Review: 2011-2012

Type of Review: Annual Update

Executive Summary: Within a year the Human Services program will be offering a new certificate. This successful program provides an average of 64 FTES each year generaing over $300,000 per year with an adjunct pool of 1.74 FTEF shared between Lake and Yuba College. The primary direction of the program is to prepare potential graduates to become direct service workers as beginning professionals in drug and alcohol awareness and counseling, mental health, child development and social work and child welfare. This program has a 93% retention rate for students enrolled in the Human Services program and a 78% success rate, a rate 10% higher than the college average.

Future Goals and Program Direction: The college must begin planning to retain this program due to the potential retirements of most of the adjunct faculty in the next few years. A fulltime faculty position is needed to stabilize and expand future offerings in the area of gerontology, probation and juvenile justice.

Recommendation: Revising Curriculum

We anticipate major changes in our curriculum offerings sometime in the future depending upon funding and our ability to hire a full time faculty to lead this department. California is currently experiencing a crises due to staffing shortages throughout the state in all entry level positions including gerontology, child welfare, probation and juvenile justice, mental health, child development and social work. The curriculum we provided last year as part of our program review document was written to expand our Certificates of Training in the fields that are now experiencing staffing shortages. We have not moved beyond this stage due to the lack of adjuncts in these specific areas and the lack of full time faculty leadership in this department.

Year(s) Requested: 2011-2012

Request Date: 03/02/2012

Recommendation Priority: 3. High Priority

Recommendation: Hire Fulltime Faculty Position

This program has been reviewed extensively during the last several years. It is currently staffed totally by adjunct instructors who currently work in the field. However, this program is vital to the local area, especially in the area of drug and alcohol counseling.

The Dean has been working with the Council for Standards in Human Services Education (CSHSE) so our future offerings will meet the standards for human services professionals in the fields we are proposing to expand into. Our primary educational focus is to prepare potential graduates to become direct service workers as beginning professionals. However, this program, in order to move forward, needs fulltime leadership.

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