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Tuesday, August 23, 2022

**SUBJECT: APPROVE FAU’S LINKING INDUSTRY TO NURSING EDUCATION (LINE)
PROPOSALS – MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND BAPTIST HEALTH**

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve two proposals to be submitted to the State University System of Florida’s Board of Governors for the newly-established “Linking Industry to Nursing Education” (LINE) program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2022, the Florida Legislature established the LINE Fund in Senate Bill 2524. The Board of Governors is charged with administering the LINE Fund for the State University System, including evaluating and approving proposals to participate in the program. The LINE Fund is intended to incentivize collaboration between nursing education programs and healthcare partners and to meet local, regional, and state workforce demand by recruiting faculty and clinical preceptors, increasing the capacity of high-quality nursing education programs, and increasing the number of nursing education program graduates who are prepared to enter the workforce.

Subject to available funds, for every dollar contributed to an institution by a healthcare partner, the fund shall provide a dollar-for-dollar match to the participating institution for approved proposals. The legislature provided a maximum of \$6 million for State University System institutions for the LINE Fund in the Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Funds may be used for student scholarships, recruitment of additional faculty, equipment, and simulation centers to advance high-quality nursing education programs throughout the state. Funds may not be used for the construction of new buildings.

Florida Atlantic University’s Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, in alignment with the FAU Health Network, requests that the FAU Board of Trustees approve two proposal submissions: One in partnership with Memorial Healthcare System in the amount of \$366,000 and one in partnership with Baptist Health in the amount of \$750,000.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

The attached proposals were submitted to the Board of Governors Data Request System on July 29, 2022 with a notation that they were pending approval by the FAU Board of Trustees. Agreements with each partner have been drafted, contingent on LINE funding of the proposals. Upon approval by the Board, the Provost's Office will advise BOG staff that the BOT has reviewed and supports the requests.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Board of Governors will award one-time funding allocations in FY23 (current fiscal year) based on the merit of each proposal received. Funds are limited and may be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Award amounts may be prorated depending on the number of approved proposals and the dollar amounts requested.

Supporting Documentation: FAU Proposals for LINK Fund –
Memorial Healthcare System and Baptist Health

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