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**Educational Stipend Program:  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners  
Workforce Education and Training (WET) Programs  
Request for Application (RFA) #15-6423**

**Questions and Answers from Mandatory Bidders' Conference**

**January 22, 2016**

**Question 1:** On the top of page 5, why is San Diego County excluded from the list of eligible counties?

**Answer:** This section is not a reference to eligible counties. This list refers to counties that are defined as counties with a historical lack of representation in past educational stipend programs. So there is an emphasis placed on these counties. All counties are eligible to have a stipend recipient complete their field placement and/or service obligation in their public mental health system (PMHS). The requirement related to the counties with a historical lack of representation in past educational stipend programs is that at least 15 percent of the stipend recipients have to work in the counties identified in this section.

**Question 2:** The budget on page 30 shows a number of stipends proposed in year 1 and 2, however in years 3 through 5 it shows zero. Does that have something to do with tracking the students in terms of yearly coordination and administration cost?

**Answer:** Yes, the reason the contract is outlined in the budget authorizing to only provide stipends in years 1 and 2, is so in years 3 through 5, the focus can be on tracking and reporting on the recipients awarded stipends. Previous contracts only had 1 or 2 years for reporting, and we made it longer to allow for stipend recipients the time to graduate and find employment.

**Question 3:** In past years a student could only receive a stipend once and then the next year would be a different group of students. Can a student receive two separate stipends?

**Answer:** A student cannot receive two separate stipends as the total award amount would exceed the maximum stipend costs of \$18,500 per student under section D.4.d.i. It is the intent of the Stipend program to provide the maximum number of students an opportunity to participate in the program.

**Question 4:** We currently have a group of students that are now entering into their last three semesters. The grant start date is July 1, 2016. Would those students be eligible in the summer or would they have to wait until fall?

**Answer:** The contract does not dictate when you have to give the stipends in any specific cohort, as long as it is in year 1 or 2 as identified in the budget table. The program has the flexibility after the July 1, 2016 start date.

