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Information Item

California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) Project Directors Report

SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE(S)

This is a standing item on the agenda which provides an update on the California Student Opportunity and Access Program's (Cal-SOAP) activities and services for the 2015-16 fiscal year. The report includes the lead project director and program administration updates.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information item with no formal action required by the Commission.

BRIEF HISTORY OF KEY ISSUE(S):

Redistribution of Cal-SOAP Los Angeles funds: As discussed at the February 4, 2016 Commission meeting, and by unanimous vote, 8 Cal-SOAP consortia were approved to receive Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 funds reallocated from the Los Angeles Cal-SOAP. Cal-SOAP Long Beach agreed to serve students from the Los Angeles region who were previously served by the Cal-SOAP Los Angeles consortium. The funds reallocated to other consortia are to be utilized to serve families in their respective regions. The funding reallocation amounts were determined using a needs analysis weighted system by 1) percent share of high schools served; 2) free and reduced lunches; and 3) inverse graduations rates.

ANALYSIS:

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Program Operations: California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) operations are proceeding well at each consortium. All Cal-SOAP projects have been actively involved in financial aid efforts, including Cash for College events and Middle Class Scholarship outreach. In addition to financial aid work, consortiums continue to provide additional services and programming to students and families. Highlights are listed below:

- Central Coast: Received an additional \$50,000 for school site tutors.

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- Long Beach: Assistant Director Keyon Anderson traveled to Washington, DC to participate in a White House Discussion on the FLOTUS Reach High Campaign.
- San Diego: Director Linda Doughty named Outstanding African American Educator for National Sorority of Phi Kappa, Inc., Kappa Upsilon Chapter.
- Solano: Over 100 high school students and several parents attended the Steps to College event in Sacramento.
- South County: Tested 3,026 10th & 11th graders on the PSAT this year; through partnership with College Board and each school; have gone from 1,164 test takers to 3,026 in just 3 years.

Unused Funds from the Los Angeles Consortium: An update will be provided at the Commission meeting.

Long Beach Cal-SOAP agreed to provide services to schools previously served by the Los Angeles Cal-SOAP, and received \$213,300 of the reallocated funding.

The following chart shows the final reallocation amounts to the other seven Cal-SOAP consortia. After the initial reallocation of funds based on the need-based formula, Merced indicated that they could not expend the additional \$35,000 within the fiscal year. As such, the additional \$35,000 has been redistributed among four consortium who had the ability to expend additional funds. The reallocation is based on the same formula and is within their stated capacity to serve. Long Beach agreed to utilize additional funding from the \$35,000 for services in the Long Beach area.

Redistribution of 2015-16 Cal-SOAP Los Angeles Funding

Consortia	Weighted Totals	% Increase	Total Adjusted for Capacity to Serve	% of Total Reallocation
San Diego/Imperial	\$ 111,242	29%	\$ 61,000	16%
East Bay & Solano	\$ 66,998	18%	\$ 77,000	20%
South County Gilroy	\$ 27,810	7%	\$ 60,650	16%
South San Joaquin	\$ 53,093	14%	\$ 69,840	18%
Central Coast	\$ 39,187	10%	\$ 63,795	17%
Long Beach	\$ 0	0%	\$ 11,948	3%
Merced	\$ 51,828	14%	0	0%
Central Valley	\$ 29,075	8%	\$ 35,000	9%
Totals	\$ 379,233	100%	\$ 379,233	100%

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Policy and Requirements Manual: The Cal-SOAP Policy and Requirements Manual (PRM) was recently updated from 2004. Commission staff and Cal-SOAP Project Directors met and agreed on the most current version. To promote consistency amongst all Cal-SOAP projects, it was agreed to review the PRM twice a year and modify, as necessary.

RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S):

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ATTACHMENT(S):

None.