

## **Strong Workforce Advisory Committee**

### **3/27/2020 Addendum:**

On March 27, 2020, SWAC members voted in favor of redirecting approved funds for a mannequin warranty to a 3-month subscription for virtual simulations.

“YES” votes included: Katheryn, Melanie, Alex, Mark, Wende, Cari, Dalores

Non-responsive members included: Gina, Nancy

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Due to COVID-19, COM's nursing program lost 75% of its regular clinical placements in addition to 70% of the preceptorship clinical opportunities. Additionally, because of the Shelter-in-Place order for the state of California, nursing students and instructors are unable to come to campus, prohibiting the opportunity to complete simulation.

COM Nursing Faculty and Administration received approval from the Board of Registered Nursing to supplement clinical placements with virtual simulations for students to be able to complete their indirect clinical care hours. The cost for a 3-month subscription is \$5,660.

COM nursing administrators would like to redirect a portion of Strong Workforce funds approved for the mannequin warranty to fund the virtual simulation modules. They will wait on purchasing the warranty until nursing students are able to be placed in hospitals once again.