

BUDGET NEEDS ASSESSMENT APPLICATION
Fall 2016

Name of Person Submitting Request:	Elaine Akers
Program or Service Area:	Student Health Services
Division:	Student Services
Date of Last Program Efficacy:	Spring 2014
What rating was given?	Continuation
Amount Requested:	\$130,000 per year
Object Code:	1200
Strategic Initiatives Addressed: (See http://www.valleycollege.edu/about-sbvc/office-of-president/college_planning_documents/documents/strategic-plan-report-working-doc-8-25-15-2.pdf)	#1,#2, #3, #4

Note: To facilitate ranking by the committee, please submit separate requests for each general area of budget augmentation needed. Do not request a lump sum to encompass many different areas.

One-Time Ongoing

Does program or service area have an existing budget? Yes No

Are there alternative funding sources? (*for example, Department, Budget, Perkins, Grants, etc.*)

Yes No

If yes, what are they: _____

1. Provide a rationale for your request (Give a detailed explanation of why this budget increase is needed.)

See the needs assessment for Full Time Behavioral Health Counselor. At our current spending level all the one time reserve funds available to Student Health Services will be expended. At that time we will need to make some difficult decisions about reducing current services or finding new funding sources. This position is not part of We expect to see an increase in referrals for crisis/mental health evaluations when Maxient software is installed next semester. Maxient will allow faculty, staff, and eventually students to report a student of concern more easily in an electronic format. With the BIT team beginning to meet we have already seen an increase in these requests from the campus. We really need a full time licenses professional available to respond adequately to these requests. The current budget provides no ongoing funding to support this position. A full time counselor is much needed to guide the mental health services we provide and provide crisis assessment and consultation to reduce the risk of preventable poor student outcomes and potential violence on our campus.

2. Indicate how the content of the department/program's latest Efficacy Report and/or current EMP supports this request and how the request is tied to program planning. (*Directly reference the relevant information from your latest Efficacy Report and/or current EMP in your discussion.*)

In our last efficacy report in spring 2014 we expressed this concern as follows
All counseling staff is part time professional experts or independent contractors. This presents some of the same challenges as we have with the nurse practitioners and leads to inconsistent levels of understanding regarding institutional needs. We always have new trainees who require a lot of training and support as well as

interns in order to provide adequate access. The ideal situation would be to have a full time mental health counselor to coordinate this service.

Since that time we have begun a Behavioral Intervention Team on Campus and have had consistent needs for mental health evaluations with in the student conduct area. Part time staff un-connected to the campus on a full time basis do not have the cultural competence with the campus or experience with stake holders outside of student health services to safely provide this kind of crisis support. Their understanding of our student population is limited to the clients they see within the student health center.

3. Indicate any additional information you want the committee to consider (*for example, regulatory information, compliance, updated efficiency, student success data, or planning, etc.*).

There is a trend among other community colleges in the state to fund at least one full time mental health provider due to the increased need, risk for threats to the campus community, and need for more consistent success within our high risk populations.

The NCHA data clearly outlines the mental health risks in our student population. Summary data attached below.

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Spring 2016

American College Health Association
National College Health Assessment II



ACHA-NCHA II

The ACHA-NCHA II supports the health of the campus community by fulfilling the academic mission, supporting short- and long-term healthy behaviors, and gaining a current profile of health trends within the campus community.

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4. Indicate any related costs (including any ongoing maintenance or updates) and department/program plans to support those costs.

5. What are the consequences of not funding this budget request?

Reduced access to mental health services for our students guided by a consistent licensed mental health provider who is actively engaged in the campus and fully committed to the campus mission. Risk of missing potential threats in students with behavioral problems on campus or seen in student discipline, and identified by the BIT team due to poor access to consultation with an experienced licensed mental health provider and inadequate assessment of students mental health status. Potential risk for poor student outcomes and campus violence that could be prevented with early identification and intervention.