



Letter of Support from Members of the SLO Healthcare Workforce Partnership

December 1, 2024

Dear Grant Selection Committee,

The SLO Healthcare Workforce Partnership was launched in September 2023 to address the critical shortage of healthcare professionals in physical, behavioral, and oral health in San Luis Obispo County. This collaborative Partnership is composed of 30 organizations representing healthcare, education, and workforce development.

Our mission is to ensure universal, equitable access to high quality healthcare in San Luis Obispo County by investing in long-term solutions to strengthen and diversify the County's physical, behavioral, and oral health workforce and implementing a sustainable model that responds to existing and emerging health care needs.

To achieve our goals, one of our top priority core strategies is to develop a **"SLO Healthcare Career Pathway Program,"** which will build a pipeline to healthcare careers. This pipeline will initially include career exploration fairs for high school students, a paid summer internship program for college students and recent graduates, and linkages to high quality healthcare jobs in San Luis Obispo County. This program will include a direct partnership with Health Career Connections, a non-profit organization with over 34 years of experience providing a healthcare paid summer internship and professional development program. It will also require extensive collaboration between area healthcare employers, workforce development organizations, and training and education providers (the K-12 school districts, Cuesta College, Cal Poly, A.T. Still, and other regional educational programs).

As members of this Partnership, we sign below to indicate our enthusiastic support of the Partnership's grant application with UPLIFT Central Coast and agree to engage in the development of the "SLO Healthcare Career Pathway Program."

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