AFA HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS SURVEY Spring 2010



Results Overview

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Overview In last year's negotiations AFA and the District agreed to create the AFA Health and Welfare Benefits Account (AHWBA) which was funded by the cancelled and rescheduled Sabbatical Leaves from 2009-10 through 2011-12 (See 25.02.D http://www.santarosa.edu/afa/Contract/Articles /art25.pdf). As part of this agreement we limited the use of those funds to \$200,000 per year in order to assist the District with its cash-flow problems. In ordinary years AFA would expect the District to absorb the cost increases subject to negotiations; however, this is an extraordinary economic period. The Benefit year runs from October 1 through September 30, and normally we would receive quotes from the two health insurance carriers, SISC Blue Shield and Kaiser, in April of each year. We have been informed by the District and SISC that we should not expect to hear a firm quote in April, and the quotes might come as late as June. Because of our recent experience ratings both SISC and Kaiser are forecasting large increases to our premiums, 11% and 16.3% respectively. The increase to the cost of the self-insured Dental Plan will be 5% with no change to the Vision Service Plan. The total projected cost of the increases is \$411,076 (See breakdown below). Projected Cost Increase-Kaiser \$ 213,201 Projected Cost Increase—SISC Blue Shield \$ 183,427 Projected Cost Increase—Dental \$ 14,448 Total Projected Increase \$ 411,076 In order to help guide AFA's response to the District's interest in reducing the cost of the Health Insurance plans in these fiscally challenging times, AFA is asking for your opinions about two proposals the District has made. The District would like to implement both of these proposals. Please consider each of these proposals based on their individual merits.

PROPOSAL #1—TOTAL COST SAVINGS \$254,498 The first is a modification to the SISC Blue Shield and Kaiser Medical Plans. For complete detailed comparisons of the existing plans see http://www.santarosa.edu/hr/PDFs/BENEFITS COMPARISON 2009-2010.pdf. To view a separate, larger version of the following table, see http://www.santarosa.edu/afa/Misc/Survey-Prop-1.pdf.

PROPOSAL #2—TOTAL COST SAVINGS \$120,730 The second is a proposal for Regular faculty only to make payroll deductions to defray the cost of the increases. The costs outlined below are based on the existing Management Team fixed fee method of cost-sharing that has been in place and unchanged for the last four years. These are fixed amounts and not a percentage of salary. These monthly amounts are proportionally stepped based on the related premiums. To view a separate, larger version of the following table, see http://www.santarosa.edu/afa/Misc/Survey-Prop-2.pdf.

This will be a branching survey starting with demographic information and then branching by Regular full-time and Adjunct part-time. For your information and reference while taking this survey, a list of health insurance vocabulary and definitions has been compiled. Click the following link or cut and paste it into your browser to view the document: http://www.santarosa.edu/afa/Misc/Survey-Health_Insurance_Vocabulary.pdf My current health insurance plan is:

Kaiser (Reg faculty)		8	6%
SISC-Blue Shield (Reg faculty)		3	2%
Kaiser (Adj faculty AMBP-ADJ MED BENE PLAN)		57	39%
SISC-Blue Shield (Adj faculty AMBP-ADJ MED BENE PLAN)		7	5%
Not in District health insurance (Adj faculty)		70	48%
	Total	145	100%

My primary assignment is at

1.

2. My primary assignment is at:				
Santa Rosa Campus		118	82%	
Petaluma Campus		19	13%	
Public Safety Training Center		1	1%	
Other		6	4%	
	Total	144	100%	

Yes		128	89%
No		16	11%
Tot		al 144	100%
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4. My employment status is:				
Reg	ular Faculty		0	0%
Adju	unct Faculty		145	100%
		Total	145	100%

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PROPOSAL #1—TOTAL COST SAVINGS \$254,498 IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE DISTRICT IN REDUCING SPENDING, I WOULD BE WILLING TO DO THE FOLLOWING: I would support making modifications to the Kaiser and SISC—Blue Shield Plans as described in Proposal #1 above. Indicate your agreement to the statement where (1) means "strongly support" and (5) means "strongly oppose."

Strongly Support		26	19%
Support		31	23%
Neutral		39	29%
Oppose		26	19%
Strongly Oppose		14	10%
	Total	136	100%

6.	May we contact you to	follow up on your answers?			
Yes				53	40%
No				80	60%
	Total 133 100%				

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