Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI)
Partnership Resource Teams (PRTs)
Letter of Interest
Skyline College

July 30, 2015

Skyline College is interested in technical assistance from the IEPI Partnership Resource Teams for the development of an Innovation and Effectiveness Plan.

Description of areas that your college is doing well.
Skyline College has a reputation for its commitment to social justice, equity, and diversity, and its support for innovation that has the potential to improve student success. Skyline College has a committed and effective leadership team. Skyline College is one of three colleges that make up the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD), which is community supported (i.e., is a Basic Aid District), resulting in a relatively stable funding environment.
Skyline College is one of the fifteen colleges selected as part of the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program, has successfully submitted its substantive change proposal and had it approved by the Commission, and will subsequently begin enrolling the first cohort of students in upper division course work beginning in the Fall of 2016. Skyline College will also begin enrolling students in its Middle College program beginning Fall 2015. Skyline College had its accreditation successfully reaffirmed by the ACCJC as of its last Self Evaluation Report and site visit in Fall of 2013, and its Follow-Up Report successfully submitted and received in Fall of 2014. A mid-term report is due Fall of 2016, and will be completed during the 2015-16 academic year.

Areas of focus for PRT assistance rationale for these areas of focus
There are two areas of focus that Skyline College is interested in receiving PRT assistance:

Integrated Planning and Resource Allocation
Skyline College received reaffirmation of accreditation following its Self Evaluation Report and subsequent Team Visit in Fall of 2013. In the reaffirmation letter from the Commission, it was noted in College Recommendation 2 that:

In order to improve and increase effectiveness, the team recommends that the College complete a systematic review of its integrated planning and resource allocation cycle, in its entirety as a holistic process, and to do so in a purposeful and well documented manner to promote transparency and sustainability.

Skyline College is interested in receiving PRT assistance to review its current processes and identify effective practices and solutions for integrated planning and resource allocation, including technology solutions to help manage the process.
Enrollment Management

As a result of receiving community supported status, the SMCCCD recently changed its resource allocation model that funds the three colleges within the District. This change has resulted in a new environment that will require a modified approach to enrollment management. Skyline College is interested in receiving PRT assistance to understand best practices in strategic enrollment management, particularly in basic aid Districts. Best types and sources of data, effective tools and technology solutions, and model plans would be useful in this process.

Indication of what would be the ideal time for the first visit.

An ideal time for the visit would be in the early Fall 2015 semester in order to meet deadlines for the Mid-Term Report. Additionally, the SMCCCD will have completed its new District Strategic Plan, and ensuring effective alignment and integration with the College’s strategic plan will be done during the 2015-16 academic year.

Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud, President

Date 8/17/15