

Introducing...

The GUHSD Healthcare Advisory Board

In a collaborative effort among East County school districts and post-secondary institutions, healthcare professionals, public and private industry, community members, and student liaisons, the Grossmont Union High School District Healthcare Advisory Board will address the shortage of trained healthcare professionals by improving the quantity and quality of, and access to, healthcare career opportunities.

In 2000, the Grossmont Union High School District (GUHSD) formed a Healthcare Advisory Board to address the need to reach and prepare high school students considering careers in the healthcare industry. The Healthcare Advisory Board is a collaboration of industry leaders and educators in San Diego's East County, dedicated to developing health-focused curricula and infusing healthcare career exploration opportunities into local high schools.

Momentum has grown considerably in the past two years. This has been a direct result of increased interest among local healthcare providers and program expansion at multiple high schools.

Check-up East County has been created to share the Mission and related efforts of the GUHSD Healthcare Advisory Board with the community.

Watch for future issues detailing the Healthcare Advisory Board's exciting activities and new developments.

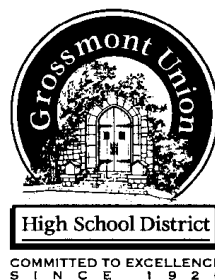
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For more information about the GUHSD Healthcare Advisory Board, contact Janet Hoff at (619) 228-2973 or Janet@workforce.org.

Health Career Pathway Programs

Six schools in the Grossmont Union High School District are presently in various stages of developing Health Career Pathway programs for interested students. The pathways are designed to educate and enlighten young people about available health career opportunities following high

school. Such early exposure includes a sequence of tailored science and other courses focusing on medical topics and terminology, Healthcare Essentials, guest speakers, and work-based learning experiences such as job shadows, industry tours, volunteering, and internships.



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Feature Community Partner: Grossmont Healthcare District

The Grossmont Union High School District (GUHSD) Healthcare Advisory Board thanked the Board of Directors of the Grossmont Healthcare District this past summer for its \$95,900 grant, awarded to five schools in the GUHSD to develop official Health Pathways for interested students beginning fall of 2005. Participating high schools in this one-year grant are West Hills in Santee, Grossmont in El Cajon, Mount Miguel in Spring Valley, El Capitan in Lakeside, and Helix Charter in La Mesa. El Cajon Valley and other GUHSD schools hope to join Health Pathway development next year.

In the current school year, one teacher from each participating school receives a daily release period to serve as site coordinator and interface with school administration to expand the Health Pathway through marketing, student recruitment, standardization of curriculum, scheduling of industry outings and job shadows, following enrolled students, partnering with industry members, staying current with industry practices, and connecting with post-secondary programs. The site coordinators are responsible for completing quarterly reports that are collated and submitted to the Grossmont Healthcare District. The grant also provides for district-level coordination that includes program expansion to other school sites and the development of new initiatives such as an anticipated Academy for Careers in Health Sciences (ACHeS), hosted on the Grossmont College campus.

The Grossmont Healthcare District (GHD) was founded as a public agency in 1952 by civic leaders and physicians wishing to establish a new community hospital—Grossmont Hospital—urgently needed to meet the growing East County population. For the community's benefit, the GHD leased Grossmont Hospital to Sharp HealthCare in 1991 to ensure its long-term viability in an ever-changing healthcare market environment. Subsequently, the GHD broadened its scope of influence in addressing unmet healthcare needs by establishing a Grants Program to assist organizations in meeting the varying healthcare service needs of East County, including issues related to public safety, healthcare workforce shortages and continuing healthcare education.

The GHD is actively making it possible for the community to address its need for healthcare workers through grants like that for the Health Pathways of the Grossmont Union High School District. It recognizes the value of early intervention by ensuring that programs in secondary schools foster academic preparedness for post-secondary healthcare training and education programs.

For more information, refer to the Grossmont Healthcare District website at www.grossmonthealthcare.org.



Members of the GUHSD Healthcare Advisory Board

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