

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

October 12, 2022

TOPIC: Pikes Peak State College Request for Renaming the Rampart Range Child Development Center to Delta Dental Oral Health Career Center

PRESENTED BY: Lance Bolton

RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships

EXPLANATION: Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation committed \$2.5 million to Pikes Peak State College for the transformation of our now closed, Rampart Range Child Development Center, into the Delta Dental Oral Health Career Center. Payments are expected from Delta Dental of Colorado as follows:

12-18-2022	\$625,000
4-15-2023	\$625,000
4-15-2024	\$625,000
4-15-2025	\$625,000

Total cost for the new center (renovation and equipment) is projected at \$9.9M to transform the 12,500 square foot facility from its former use as a Child Development Center (Daycare facility) to a state-of-the-art dental training center. Pikes Peak State College anticipates additional fund raising and use of reserves to fund construction and development. Current PPSC reserves are approximately \$32 million.

The new Delta Dental Oral Health Career Center will house the existing Pikes Peak State College Dental Assisting Program increasing student cohort capacity in the program from 20 to 36. The Oral Health Careers Center will also house a new Dental Hygiene Program with an anticipated cohort enrollment of 30 students annually. More details will follow in our Program Plan anticipated for presentation to the board in December 2022.

PPSC anticipates opening the new Oral Health Careers Center in August 2024 with the Dental Hygienist Program accredited and operating by August 2025.

System Procedure 16-50 requires a 35% of total cost gift for naming a building or program. However, the procedure also allows for exceptions if approved by the college president and Chancellor. Current unprecedented volatility in construction costs and equipment has pushed our estimated cost of the facility to \$9.9M. Although this places the Delta Dental of Colorado gift at approximately 25% of the total project cost, we believe their transformative

gift is worthy of the building naming we propose. Chancellor Garcia lends his support to this view as well. This is the largest single gift Pikes Peak State College has ever received in our 55-year history. The gift transforms our ability to fund the dental center project and deliver vital oral health career opportunities and dentistry services to our region.

A PPSC committee assessed the proposed name and recommended approval unanimously. We considered Delta Dental of Colorado's long and positive history in communities across Colorado, their long affiliation with our colleges of providing dental insurance, and most importantly their strong conviction to partner with our college to increase diversity among oral health professionals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Pikes Peak State College and System Staff recommend the Board approve Delta Dental Oral Health Career Center as described above.