

**Sauk Valley Community College
April 27, 2020**

Action Item 4.12

Topic: Sole Source Provider – NURO Software

Strategic Direction: Objective 2.6 – Improve semester-to-semester retention rates.

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Presentation:

The College’s Title III grant enhances student success and retention efforts across the campus. In its first year, the College has created a Mental Health Counseling Center and Writing Center to further assist students in their studies and well-being. As part of furthering these efforts and consistent with the grant’s agreement, Sauk has researched multiple retention software options that provide continuous communications about student progress, which are shared among faculty, staff, and administration. The data are used to respond to student needs, create interventions, and provide additional assistance to benefit students and their success.

Nuro Retention Software provides the College with the best options in terms of adaptability, functionality, and value. Nuro Retention is the sole supplier of software that will integrate the College’s student data; thus, the public bid process is not required.

Procurement Rules:

Uniform Grant Guidance (2 CFR 200.320(f)(1) allows for procurement by noncompetitive proposals if the item is available from a single source. The Public Community College Act (110 ILCS 805/3-27.1) and Sauk Valley Community College Board Policy (305.01) exempt purchases and contracts for the use, purchase, delivery, movement, or installation of data processing equipment, software, or services from competitive bidding.

Contract Terms:

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Implementation Fee:	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Service Cost:	\$ 29,000	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000	\$ 97,000
Total	<u>\$ 59,000</u>	<u>\$ 34,000</u>	<u>\$ 34,000</u>	<u>\$ 127,000</u>

The College has the option to end the contract service term at the end of year 3. Optional years of service continue to years four and five at \$34,000 per year.

Funding Source:

This contract will be 100% federally-funded through the College’s Dept. of Ed Title III Strengthening Institution Grant.

Recommendation:

The Administration recommends the Board approve the proposed contract terms from Nuro Learning, LLC for Nuro Retention software services for a total obligation of \$127,000 for a term of three years funded through federal sources.