



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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 Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: August 12, 2014

Title of Item: Out-of-State Travel Request

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
Submitted by: Tom Burke		Department: Health & Human Services
Presenter (Name and Title):		Estimated Time Needed: n/a
Summary of Issue: Requesting approval for out-of-state travel for Sue Tange, Social Services Supervisor to attend Safe Havens Mid-West Regional Conference in St. Louis, Missouri on September 8th and 9th. Please see attached memo and flyer for more information.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Approve out of state travel for Sue Tange, Social Services Supervisor, to attend Safe Havens Mid-West Regional Conference in St. Louis, Missouri on September 8th and 9th.		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

Memorandum

To: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
CC: Tom Burke, Director ACH&HS; Nate Burkett, County Administrator
From: Sue Tange, Social Services Supervisor
Date: 7/30/2014
Re: Out-of-State Travel

Remnica House, our community's supervised visitation and safe exchange center, has received an invitation to attend the Safe Havens Mid-West Regional Conference in St. Louis, Missouri on September 8 and 9, 2014. Remnica House has been funded by Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program out of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) which is a division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Aitkin County has been the recipient/fiscal agent for the two grants. The start-up and development grant was awarded in 2007 and a continuation grant was awarded in 2011. Out of these grants a certain amount has been dedicated to orientation and training of the grant recipients.

For the life of these grants Aitkin County Health and Human Services has served as the required "government partner" to Advocates Against Domestic Abuse (AADA), and I, as the representative of ACHHS, have participated in the grant activities as Remnica House was developed. Remnica House opened in the summer of 2009, and has served many families not only from around our county, but also families from around our region. Families are served by Remnica at no charge. I continue to serve Remnica House as the government partner in an advisory capacity.

I have attached an informational flyer that was sent to me. Expenses regarding attendance at the conference, airline, mileage, lodging and meals are borne totally by the training dollars available within the OVW grant. The only expense to Aitkin County would be my time/salary for those days I would be away from my desk. It is likely that travel days will be Sunday, September 7 and Wednesday, September 10. My travel companions, should I be approved to participate, will be the executive director of AADA, and the coordinator of Remnica House.

It has been my privilege to have participated in this supervised visitation project since its inception in 2007. The group that worked to bring Remnica to the community put together a good program that has filled a need and has provided safety for many children over the years of operation. I hope that the Board will share our interest in having me attend this training opportunity, and that I will be granted permission to travel out of state. Thank you for your attention to this request.



Safe Havens Mid-West Regional Conference

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the Office on Violence Against Women are proud to sponsor three Regional Conferences on Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange. These conferences will provide concrete practice strategies and models for incorporating the Guiding Principles into everyday practice for supervised visitation and safe exchange services that account for domestic violence. National experts will provide education on safety and security, policy development, working with men who batter, women who use violence in intimate partner relationships and custody decisions in cases of domestic violence. The conferences will highlight effective practices, offer tips and tools, provide an opportunity for networking, and inspire and invigorate participants.

Who should attend?

Conference registration is open to all supervised visitation providers, supervised visitation program directors, advocates, community partners and collaborators, government partners, judges and judicial officers, court personnel, custody evaluators, guardians at litem, batterer intervention providers, attorneys, and all other interested groups and persons.

Conference Costs

There is no conference registration fee. Once you submit your registration and it is approved, the registrar will contact you with instructions for securing lodging. Please note that you are not registered for the conference until you receive a confirmation letter.

The registration deadline is August 8th, 2014.

[Register Now!](#)

Scholarships

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) has awarded funding to support scholarships for supervised visitation and exchange providers, their community partners, family court judges, and other interested professionals to attend the Supervised Visitation Program Eastern Region Conference in Boston, Massachusetts.

These scholarships will cover travel, lodging, and per diem.

If you have an existing OVW grant, you are not eligible for a scholarship, however, you can check with your grant manager to see if your travel expenses to the conference can be covered by your grant.

Apply Now!

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