



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



Requested Meeting Date: May 13, 2025

Title of Item: Request for Out-of-State Travel Authorization

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	Action Requested: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only
Submitted by: Paula Arimborgo		Department: H&HS Administration
Presenter (Name and Title):		Estimated Time Needed:
Summary of Issue: <p>Sarah Johnson, a Social Worker with Health & Human Services, is currently assigned to a youth client who was recently placed in a pre-adoptive home in Wisconsin, 7 hours away. Unfortunately, the placement has disrupted due to the child's significant mental health needs, and the relative is no longer willing to proceed with the adoption. This youth is in the Guardianship of the Commissioner of DHS with Aitkin County serving as the youth's primary caretaker until an adoption placement can be found.</p> <p>At present, the youth is hospitalized, and we are actively working to secure a more appropriate level of care, either through residential treatment or a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF). Once a new placement is confirmed, out-of-state travel will be necessary for Sarah to retrieve the youth and facilitate the transition.</p> <p>We are continuing to explore alternative solutions to either avoid the need for travel altogether or reduce the amount required. However, we would appreciate having approval in place as a contingency, should we be unable to identify a viable alternative.</p>		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Recommend approving motion to allow Sarah Johnson to travel out of state when the time comes to ensure continuity of care and support for this youth.		
Financial Impact: <p>Is there a cost associated with this request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</p> <p>Is this budgeted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i></p> <p>Cost would include use of a county car, overnight hotel stay and meals for the social worker.</p>		