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MEMORANDUM

TO: Goodhue County Board of Commissioners
Goodhue County Budget Committee

FROM: Stephen F. O'Keefe, Goodhue County Attorney 

RE: Request for Travel to Out of State Training for Treatment Court Coordinator

DATE: February 7, 2023

I am requesting approval of out of state travel for three employees, Jessica Schumacher, Treatment Court Coordinator, Jessica Perkins, Assistant County Attorney, and myself, to attend the Treatment Court National Conference in Houston, Texas, held on June 26, 2023, through June 29, 2023.

The National Association of Drug Court Professionals conference, RISE 23, is the only national conference for treatment court professionals. It is the one event that brings together justice system and treatment practitioners working in every intercept point, from entry into the system to re-entry into society. For over 25 years, this conference has consistently delivered the best-in-class speakers and content and is recognized as the leading training conference in the treatment court field.

Attendance at this conference is required as part of the four year, \$500,000 Department of Justice Federal Grant award. The cost of the training, including airfare, hotel, and conference fees, will be covered by the Grant.

I am also requesting approval of out of state travel for Jessica Schumacher, Treatment Court Coordinator, to attend a treatment court coordinator conference in Oklahoma. The cost of the training, including airfare, hotel, and conference fees, will be covered by the Grant.

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