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DATE: January 31, 2023
TO: Goodhue County Board
FROM: Nina Arneson, GCHHS Director
RE: Out of State Travel Request

BACKGROUND:

The National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) has an opportunity to sponsor Maggie Cichosz, Community Engagement Specialist, and Ruth Greenslade, Healthy Communities Supervisor, to attend their upcoming annual conference, NACCHO 360, July 10-13, 2023, in Denver, CO.

In 2021 Goodhue County Health and Human Services applied for and received a grant to pilot new community health assessment guidance NACCHO developed. The guidance is called "Mobilizing for Action for Planning and Partnerships 2.0" or "MAPP 2.0." GCHHS received a grant to pilot the Community Partners Assessment portion of MAPP 2.0 from April-July 2022. On January 19, NACCHO contacted us to invite staff members from MAPP pilot test sites to present at the 2023 conference.

NACCHO will cover conference registration, travel (airfare, or mileage (if driving), and travel to/from the airport), hotel, and per diem.

This conference will provide an excellent opportunity to network and learn about the work of other health departments. There will also be a time during the conference when MAPP pilot participants can network and learn about each other's work.

The conference theme, "Elevating Public Health Practice for Today and tomorrow" will explore how the local public health workforce and its stakeholders can move forward in the midst of an ongoing crisis while implementing traditional and innovative approaches to restructure a system built to protect the health of communities nationwide. This year's conference includes more than 100 sharing sessions, live plenaries, town halls, and workshops. Conference Tracks include Behavioral Health; Communication and Messaging; Leadership, Management, and Workforce Development; Health Equity and Social Justice; Public Health Policy and Law; and Surveillance, Informatics, and Data Systems, which relate to Maggie Cichosz's and Ruth Greenslade's work at our agency outside of their role with the MAPP 2.0 Pilot.

Maggie Cichosz and Ruth Greenslade will only attend the conference if their presentation abstract is accepted and NACCHO covers all the costs of the conference, travel, hotel, and meals.

RECOMMENDATION: The GCHHS Department recommends approval of this request.

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