
MEMORANDUM

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PLACER COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Ronald Scott Owens, District Attorney *RSO*
Date: January 11, 2011
Subject: Authorization for Out-of-State Travel

ACTION REQUESTED

Your approval is requested for out-of-state travel for the Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center (MDIC) Coordinator Fiona Tuttle, and for Deputy District Attorney Tracy Lunardi to travel to the National Symposium on Child Abuse Conference on March 28-31, 2011, held in Huntsville, Alabama. The total cost for travel, transportation and registration to send five members is estimated at \$7,321. Funding will be coming from a grant provided from the Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center (\$1,000) and from the First 5 Placer grant (\$6,321). The cost of out-of-state travel is included in the Fiscal Year 10/11 budget with no additional impact to the General Fund.

BACKGROUND

In 1993, MDIC was opened and operated under the administrative direction and operational assistance of the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Placer County. In October, 1998, the administrative responsibility of operating MDIC shifted to the Placer County District Attorney's Office due to the Child Abuse Prevention Council's tremendous growth and focus on prevention and early intervention services.

The children's interview center works to address the most fragile of our population and stop offenders from re-offending through quality investigation and successful prosecution. With the creation of Placer County MDIC, child victims of abuse in Placer County are interviewed, one time, by a trained specialist in a child-friendly setting. Children's trauma is reduced, the truth-finding process enhanced, and successful prosecution increased to remove abusers from our streets.

Training on such important and sensitive crimes such as felony child abuse is vital to good investigations, prosecutions and ultimately health and safety of children in Placer County. The Symposium is a nationally and internationally-recognized multidisciplinary training conference offering numerous networking opportunities and more than 130 state-of-the art workshops presented by nationally renowned experts.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are included in the District Attorney's budget to cover the estimated cost for travel, transportation and registration in the amount of \$7,321. There will be no additional impact to the General Fund.

Attachments

COST OF TRAVEL TO HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA MARCH 28 - 31, 2011

Registration Fee (\$449 x 4 people - Scholarship for 1 person)	\$	1,796.00
Airfare (\$500 x 5 people)	\$	2,500.00
Lodging for 3 nights (\$487 x 5 people)	\$	2,435.00
Breakfasts (\$8) for 5 people	\$	40.00
Lunches (\$12) for 5 people	\$	60.00
Dinners (\$26) for 5 people x 3	\$	390.00
Incidentals (\$20) for 5 people	\$	100.00
TOTAL	\$	7,321.00

People traveling:

Tracy Lunardi - DA (DA prepared Travel Request)
Fiona Tuttle - HHS (DA prepared Travel Request)
Roger Coffman - County Counsel (CC will prepare his Travel Request)
Brian Alford - Rocklin PD (Received Scholarship for Registration Fee)
Dave Harlan - Roseville PD

Travel Funds covered by \$1,000 from Western Regional Children's
Advocacy Center and the remainder from the First 5 Placer Grant.