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TO: Personnel and Finance Committee

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Dane County Ordinance Chapter 20, Section 20.16, prohibits travel to states that have enacted a law that has the effect of voiding protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Subsection 20.16(3)(c) and 20.21 provide the Personnel and Finance Committee the ability to grant exceptions to this prohibition.

This memo requests an exception to Section 20.16 to allow two Dane County CJC members (Chair Esqueda and Coordinator Clark-Bernhardt) the opportunity to attend the National Association of Counties (NACO) Familiar Faces Initiative Peer Learning Site visit in Lucas County, OH.

This is the first of three peer learning visits as a part of the Criminal Justice Council's acceptance into the Familiar Faces Initiative. The mission of the Familiar Faces Initiative is as follows, "Through the Familiar Faces Initiative, the National Association of Counties empowers communities to share data and integrate care options between health and justice systems so they can intervene earlier, improve outcomes and reduce incarceration and hospitalization rates."

The Peer Learning opportunity marks a multi-year effort by the CJC to effectively understand and share information regarding individuals with multiple touchpoints with law enforcement, jail, social services and corrections. Visiting Lucas County will allow the CJC Chair and Coordinator a hands on look at data integration, stakeholder engagement, and successful partnerships to mitigate frequent use of multiple systems.

NACO is covering the travel costs for the site visit directly to the participants. This exception will be limited to potential incidental costs that maybe incurred. Thank you for your consideration.