



**Dane County, WI**  
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DATE: November 8, 2022

TO: Personnel and Finance Committee

RE: Travel to Douglas County, Kansas

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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 members of the Dane County CJC-Behavioral Health subcommittee members or staff to visit a recently built crisis triage center with supportive transitional housing in Douglas County, KS. The new facility incorporates a facility for those experiencing a behavioral health crisis, as well as transitional housing, peer supports, and alcohol and drug treatment.

Link to the facility: <https://www.douglascountyks.org/bh/recovery-campus>

This represents a unique ability to have a peer site visit prior to Douglas County's official opening to clients. Lawrence County, KS is also a part of the NACO Familiar Faces initiative—as is the Dane County Criminal Justice Council.

This Peer Learning opportunity marks a multi-year effort by the CJC and the CJC-Behavioral Health subcommittee to review peer alternatives to those with a behavioral health crisis. Staff included in this peer learning effort include staff from the Department of Human Services and the Criminal Justice Council Coordinator.

Cost incurred includes only travel expenses. The travel expenses are approximately: \$3500/per person.

Thank you for your consideration.