



## Dane County Department of Human Services

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**DANE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

### MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 3, 2024

TO: Personnel and Finance Committee

FROM: Nancy Ortegon-Johnson  
CYF Staff Development Manager

RE: Chapter 20 Exception

The Children, Youth and Families Division will be holding an all-staff Team Building on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 12-4:30pm and a follow up discussion on 12/12/24 from 9am-10:30am, which will be led by story Author [Andrew Bridge](#). He will also be discussing his books [Hope's Boy](#) and [The Child Catcher](#).

This Team Builder includes watching the film [Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot](#) at Marcus Cinemas. The true story of Donna and Reverend Martin and their church in East Texas. 22 families adopted 77 children from the local foster care system.

Andrew Bridge's bestselling memoir, *Hope's Boy*, told the story of his survival after he was taken from his mother, who struggled with schizophrenia, and was left to foster care. Bridge was first confined at one of our country's most notorious children's institutions, MacLaren Hall. Now, in *The Child Catcher*, he chronicles his role in the longest-running, most bitterly fought mental health lawsuit in American history. After graduating from Harvard Law School, Bridge joined the small team of civil rights lawyers representing the children of the Eufaula Adolescent Center, a violent and secretive institution in the rural South, against the State of Alabama.

We are requesting approval to cover the cost to provide lunch to our staff. The total amount of \$ 2,000 dollars. The food includes the following:

100 **Custom Dane County**

- Caesar Salad
- Assorted Zaffiros Pizzas
- Fountain Beverages
- Popcorn

100 staff	Custom Dane County Lunch	\$18.00	\$1,800.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>		<b>\$1,800.00</b>	
<b>Service Charge 10.00%:</b>		\$200.00	
<b>Food Subtotal:</b>		<b>\$2,000.00</b>	

Prior to making these purchases, I had been informed that all proposed ordinance changes recommended by Personnel and Finance on August 26, 2024 had been adopted into Ordinance. It's my understanding that this information is inaccurate and the \$10 dollar limit for food per person remains in place. Unfortunately, we already entered into a contract.

We apologize for this misunderstand.

Thank You for considering this request for an exception.