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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: JoAnn Melgar for Howard Himes - Director
Health & Human Services Operations

REPORT BY: JoAnn Melgar, Staff Services Analyst II - 707-253-4722

SUBJECT: Out of Country Travel - Physical Therapist

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests authorization for out of country travel for Jennifer de los Santos Physical Therapist with Public Health's Medical Therapy Program to attend the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine annual conference in Montreal, Canada from September 12, 2017 through September 16, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Napa County Public Health's Medical Therapy Program (MTP) provides occupational and physical therapy for children ages birth to 21 with eligible chronic conditions acquired in childhood. Nearly fifty percent of the children in the MTP carry a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy.

From September 12-16, 2017 the annual meeting of the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine AACPDMD will be held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. If approved, physical therapist Jennifer de los Santos will share information acquired at the conference with the entire MTP team, which can be used to enhance and improve services for MTP clients with cerebral palsy.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Public Health

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of this out of the country travel request is discretionary in that the employee is not required to attend. However, upon her return from the conference, she will share information acquired with the entire Medical Therapy Program.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This travel expense is for FY 17-18, and is included in the approved budget.
Consequences if not approved:	If this out of country travel request is not approved, our Medical Therapy Program will not obtain knowledge to enhance and improve services for Medical Therapy clients with cerebral palsy.
Additional Information:	

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

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The American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AAPDM) meets annually to provide clinicians providing services to children with cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities with opportunities to learn about the latest research, best practices, promising trends and ideas from providers and researchers from around the world.

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Napa County's MTP leads the state in efforts to align treatment of clients with best practices around the world and this conference will provide relevant information to assist with the treatment of MTP clients.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Bret Prebula