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Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 11:54 AM
To: Steve Berlin <Steve.Berlin@cityofchicago.org>
Subject: Re: Ethics Approval for 3rd Party

Dear Mr. Berlin,

This email will serve as the required correspondence for return travel, regarding Dr. Veronica McSorley's recent attendance at the NACCHO conference held in Anaheim, California.

Dr. McSorley was invited to speak on behalf of the City. In connection with her participation, NACCHO covered her travel and lodging expenses, all of which fell within the GSA's allowable range. All other costs related to her attendance were personally incurred. She did not receive any honoraria or other forms of compensation for her speech or participation.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Best regards,

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From: Daphne Smith <Daphne.Smith@cityofchicago.org>
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NACCHO has agreed to cover and arrange all travel and accommodation expenses, meaning there will be no cost incurred by the City of Chicago. However, the travel packet was denied due to the required documentation not being submitted in a timely manner. The sponsor had previously informed us that their process for providing accommodation-related documentation tends to move slowly.

Despite this, NACCHO would still like Dr. McSorley to attend and present at the event.

Given that the total value of the covered expenses may exceed the allowable gift threshold, would she be able to accept the invitation? If so, could you please advise on the appropriate next steps, particularly in terms of obtaining ethics approval?

Thank you in advance for any guidance you are able to provide.

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From: Daphne Smith <Daphne.Smith@cityofchicago.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 10:11 AM

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Subject: Ethics Approval for 3rd Party

Good morning, Steve. Please find below a travel request for your approval concerning a member of the CDPH staff:

Individual: Epidemiologist IV, Veronica Eloesa McSorley

Dates: July 13 - 15, 2025

Location: Anaheim, CA

has received an invitation from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to speak during a session at an upcoming wastewater monitoring workshop called, "*From Sewers to Solutions: Wastewater Monitoring for Public Health Action*" Taking place on Monday July 14, 2025, from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. This workshop will feature presentations and panel discussions from subject-matter experts from across the wastewater monitoring field, including representatives from laboratories, wastewater utilities, and local, state, and federal health agencies. The attendees will mainly be local health department staff with varying levels of experience conducting wastewater monitoring, with additional attendees from laboratories, wastewater utilities, and other entities. Attendees will have the chance to network and engage in meaningful discussions with professionals from diverse sectors.

All travel and accommodation expenses will be covered and arranged by NACCHO. (National Association of County and City Officials). incurring no cost to the City of Chicago.

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