

Juror Counseling Services

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I recently had a juror telephone asking how to obtain court sponsored counseling services for serving on a jury. Do any of you provide this as a service? If so what is the procedure for the juror to obtain such services? The big question is who pays for the counseling?

1	Zakiya Hooker-Bell	Alameda does not offer this service.
2	Sandy Linderman	Del Norte does not
3	Diane Collins	Mendocino County did one time only; no one took advantage of the program. Mental Health agreed to do the counseling, but I'm sure in today's economy that would not happen again.
4	Sherry Spears	Fresno - We had this happen twice recently, our Human Resources got involved and called our Worker's Comp insurance carrier and found that jurors qualify – even if they haven't been selected as a juror. We provide them the same worker's comp package we give employees. I don't know if each carrier is different but for ours they have 90 days to consider the claim but in the meantime, jurors can incur costs up to \$10,000.00 that they don't have to pay back even if the claim is denied. So there is no out of pocket cost to them. The juror is referred to the WC providers to set up any appointments.
5	Lynda Pierini	Madera – has not ever had to offer the service yet?
6	Lupe Castaneda	In Santa Clara County we do provide this service. The court has made arrangements with the Santa Clara County Mental Health Department. There is no fee.
7	Annie Long	Calaveras does not offer this service.
8	Evelyn Valle	Orange County has a Juror Debriefing program through our Health Care Agency(HCA). The HCA provides initial relief for the jurors by offering immediate after the conclusion of a trial counseling, by mental health care professionals. They provide group and individualized attention.
9	Joe Diaz	Riverside - Judges conduct a debriefing over a case but if a juror needs additional assistance, we immediately would coordinate this request with our insurance company Corvel, as jurors are covered under our workers compensation plan. So far we have not had to utilize this service yet. The juror would be assisted with a crisis management team professional or mental healthcare professional. The cost would be covered through workers compensation.