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Dr. Radlauer,

After reviewing the facts presented below, I find nothing in the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance that bars you from sitting on the Board of the Public Health Trust and continuing to serve as the District XI Chair of the State of Florida Management Care Ombudsman Committee. Matters of concern to your state committee, such as complaints regarding quality of care, are typically not brought before the Board of Trustees at the Public Health Trust. To the extent to which such complaints arise within the Jackson Health System, they would be handled and resolved by staff. If, however, more generic issues involving managed care quality assurance programs were brought before the Trust, I would recommend that you recuse yourself from the discussions. Finally, I understand that one of Public Health Trust's committees focuses on quality improvement issues. Given the mission of the state committee, I would advise against you taking a committee assignment on the quality improvement committee if you are appointed to the Board of the Public Health Trust.

If you would like to discuss this with me in more detail, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Robert Meyers

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To: Robert Meyers, Chair  
 Committee on Ethics  
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Dear Robert,

This note is a follow-up of our conversation of yesterday, August 9, 2005 regarding a possible conflict of interest between the Public Health Trust and the State of Florida Managed Care Ombudsman Committee of which I am the Statewide and Miami-Dade-Monroe (District XI) Chair. As discussed, I had submitted an application to the Board of Public Health Trust in 2003 and 2004, but because of downsizing of the Board, no positions were available. In the interim, I been elected as Chair of the above State committees. I am currently planning to submit another application to the Public Health Trust this August for 2005. I do not feel that there is a conflict per se between the two appointments, and that I may recuse myself from any decisions that may arise before the Trust dealing with AHCA and/or managed care companies. As a precaution, however, I am requesting a determination from the Miami-Dade County Committee on Ethics concerning possible conflicts of interest prior to submitting an application. The enabling statute for the Managed Care Ombudsman Committee ( a division of the Agency for Health Care Administration) is FS 641.60 and 641.70, along with Chapter 59 of the Florida Administrative Code, specifically 59A-12.016, 59A-12.017, 59A-12.018, and 59A-12.019. (the last two defining the positions of regional and statewide committees).

Thanking you in advance for your speedy response to this matter, I remain,

Charles

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