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**Walker, Ardyth (COE)**

**From:** Walker, Ardyth (COE)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2005 5:23 PM  
**To:** 'Rams, Margarita'  
**Subject:** RE: Seeking Clarification

The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance permits you to attend the conference at the Trust's expense. Section 2-11.1(w) prohibits you from accepting travel expenses including registration fees, meals, transportation, etc. from vendors. However, as long as the Trust has paid the registration fee and everything is included in the fee, the ordinance does not prohibit you from attending an event where a vendor has provided financial assistance to the sponsoring organization.

[Walker, Ardyth (COE)] -----Original Message-----

**From:** Rams, Margarita [mailto:MRams@um-jmh.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2005 4:01 PM  
**To:** AWalker@miamidade.gov  
**Cc:** Smith, Clarence, M.D.  
**Subject:** Seeking Clarification

Good afternoon,

My name is Margarita Rams-Gonzalez, and I am a Case Manager working for Jackson Health System-Health Plan (JHS-HP), as Project Coordinator. At this time I am assigned to work, among other things, in the establishment of a Health and Wellness Program.

Perhaps you are aware that in the Fall of 2003, our Florida Governor; Jeb Bush, formed the Governor's Task Force on the Obesity Epidemic to make recommendations regarding the problem of overweight and obesity in Florida. Since then, 4 Summits regarding this theme have been held. I was fortunate to attend the last one, which took place here in Miami, through an invitation from the Department of Health.

Florida On The Move, a partner of America On The Move, which is a National Initiative dedicated to helping individuals and communities across our nation make positive changes to improve health and quality of life, is offering a Statewide Summit on Obesity Healthy People Healthy Community in Orlando, Florida. This Summit is to take place this Friday, September 30, 2005, and is being supported by AstraZeneca.

The Summit fee is \$30 dollars per person. The Summit is to be held at The First Presbyterian Church in Downtown Orlando. A light breakfast, lunch, snacks, all handouts, a disk with templates on how to implement Florida on The Move and parking is included in the \$30 registration fee.

The JHS-HP would like clarification in regards to any possible conflict of interest, if any. We appreciate any light that you can shine in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Margarita Rams-Gonzalez, RD/LD*

9/28/2005