

Meyers, Robert (COE)

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2006 10:30 AM
To: Lafortune, Jean (CAA)
Subject: RE: Re: Request for Opinion

Mr. LaFortune,

There is no prohibition per se that bars County employees from serving on a County board. In order for a conflict of interest to exist between your board service and your employment, there needs to be a showing that your County position is directly affected by any action you take as an IRP board member or your independence of judgment as a CAA employee is compromised because you serve on the IRP. Without these possibilities likely to occur, then I see no legal conflict in your case.

The only other matter that I should mention is that IRP board members are not permitted to serve on any other County boards simultaneously. If you are sitting on another County board, then you would have to resign from that board to accept the IRP appointment.

If you wish to discuss the above, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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From: Lafortune, Jean (CAA)
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2006 6:10 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Re: Request for Opinion

Dr. Meyers,

I was recently nominated by the Community Relations Board (CRB) to serve on the Independent Review Panel (IRP). On November 28, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners took action for my appointment. The Department I am working for Community Action Agency has expressed concerns because as a County Employee, there could be conflict of interest regarding my taking action on matter that involve other county employees. Please advise as to the parameters and restrictions of County Employees to serve on the Independent Review Panel.

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