

Meyers, Robert (COE)

IRA 04-10

To: Hyma, Bruce A. M.D. (ME) (305) 545-2425

Subject: RE:

Bruce,

Larry Cameron attended the gift workshop we held today and I advised him I would get back to you by the end of the day. After discussing this matter with our attorney, I conclude that the County Code of Ethics Ordinance permits you to invite vendors to set up displays at the conference. However, your department should not be involved in soliciting vendors to sponsor a coffee break. The co-sponsor, who is not affiliated with the County and who is not bound by our rules, might be permitted to solicit for the coffee break. The other option, of course, is for your department and the University of Florida pay for the coffee break out of your respective budgets.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thanks,

Robert

-----Original Message-----

From: Hyma, Bruce A. M.D. (ME) (305) 545-2425

Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2004 8:40 AM

To: Meyers, Robert (COE)

Cc: Cameron, Larry (ME) (305) 545-2487

Subject:

Robert,

Our department and the University of Florida are hosting the annual Florida Association of Medical Examiner's educational conference this summer at the Sonnesta Beach Resort on Key Biscayne. Can our department solicit vendors to sponsor a coffee break during the meeting and/or invite them to set up a display of their products? I need some guidance here as to not violate any ethical standard.

Thanks,

Bruce A. Hyma

Medical Examiner