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**Commission on Ethics &  
Public Trust**

Miami-Dade County

# Memorandum

**To:** Miriam S. Ramos, COE Deputy General Counsel

**Date:** Feb. 12, 2015

**From:** Robert Steinback

**Re:** April Sampson housing conflict K14-131

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On December 10, 2014, the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics (COE) opened the above-named case against April Sampson (Sampson) alleging a conflict of interest in that Sampson worked for the County's Public Housing and Community Development Department (PHCD), which administers and manages the County's public housing properties, while also being a tenant in the public housing program. This was deemed a violation of the County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance (Ethics Code) Section 2-11.1 (c)(4), and that the exemption provided under Subsection (c)(5)(5) did not apply. As a result, PHCD Director Michael Liu (Lui) on November 25, 2014, issued a letter to Sampson directing her to find alternate housing within 60 days of receipt of the letter to make alternate housing arrangements.

On February 2, 2015, Sampson sent an e-mail to Sharon Montealegre, compliance reviewer for PHCD, indicating that she had found new housing. Sampson provided documentation showing that she terminated her lease at the Claude Pepper Apartments, 750 Northwest 18<sup>th</sup> Terrace effective December 10, 2014. She identified her new address as 1745 NW 111<sup>th</sup> Street in Miami. Sampson also included a copy of her U.S. Postal Service change-of-address confirmation.

On February 5, 2015, Lui sent Sampson a letter confirming that she had successfully resolved her conflict of interest, and was no longer in violation of the County Ethics Code.