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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2006 12:29 PM
To: 'MCEgables@aol.com'
Subject: RE: Check on possible conflicts - Jorge A. Alvarez

Dear Mr. Alvarez,

I consulted with our staff general counsel and she and I agree that serving on the BCC Healthcare Task Force does not bar you from lobbying the Public Health Trust. As far as the clients you are representing, there could be a voting conflict if you were to vote on items directly benefiting the Rafael Penalver Community Medical Center and the Children Psychiatrist Centers. I cannot be more definitive about a voting conflict because I am not sure how the Task Force operates. I assume the Task Force will be issuing policy recommendations. My understanding is that the Task Force will not make specific recommendations that would benefit a single health care provider, but rather make more general recommendations. If this is true, then a voting conflict is not likely to exist unless the class of entities that the Task Force deems eligible for funding is fairly small and would include your clients – the Rafael Penalver Community Center and the Children Psychiatrist Centers.

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

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers
 Executive Director

From: MCEgables@aol.com [mailto:MCEgables@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2006 1:08 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Check on possible conflicts - Jorge A. Alvarez

Dear Mr. Meyers:

Thank you for seeing me today as I came by unannounced. BCC Chairman Joe Martinez appointed me to a task force that sunsets at the end of this calendar year. The board is named the BCC Healthcare Task Force.

Today, I filed the annual lobbyist registration form at the county and am following up with the yearly fee. I plan to ask the following clients to sign the lobbyist activity forms:

MGE Architects: Purpose of relationship: to assist in facilitating meetings with members of the Public Health Trust Board and staff and county commission members and staff in reference to up-coming bids for building of various county healthcare buildings.

Rafael Penalver Community Medical Center: Purpose of relationship: to assist in expanding their role with entities other than the Public Health Trust/JMH that currently has an agreement to operate the medical center. Meetings may include PHT board members and staffers, as well as county commissioners.

Children Psychiatrist Centers; Purpose of relationship: May become a tenant of the Rafael

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Penalver Medical Center and they may be involved in the same talks with PHT board members, staffers and county commissioners.

The BCC Healthcare Task Force may impact the Penalver clinic if any programs are created or supported by the board for the uninsured that may seek care at their medical center; thus possibly receiving county funds for such care. At this point the relationship with Penalver is Pro Bono but may change in the future.

I do not feel there is a conflict with either scenario but visited you and am writing you in an abundance of caution. Our next board meeting is February 8, 2006.

Sincerely,

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Thank You.
