

Meyers, Robert (COE)

INQ 07-149

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2007 2:04 PM
To: Ryan, Timothy (MDCR)
Subject: Ethics Opinion

Dear Director Ryan,

I inadvertently deleted the e-mail you sent me last week, but I am in possession of your fax concerning the \$1,000 the Prison Rape Elimination Commission has offered you for your work with the Commission. You ask whether you may accept this "honorarium". Under Florida law, the payment for services rendered by you to the Commission is not considered an honorarium. Rather, it should be defined as outside employment income and should be reported as such. Therefore, if you accept the \$1,000 payment in 2007, you should report it by July 1, 2008 with the Supervisor of Elections. If you accept the payment and subsequently donate it, there is nothing for you to report to Miami-Dade County. If you take this course of action, I would simply keep a record of the fact that you donated the \$1,000 payment.

Please keep in mind that any paid consulting activities require prior approval of your superiors. I realize the above was a unique situation, as you were not expecting to be paid for your efforts and you were not employed by Miami-Dade County when you began your efforts on behalf of the Prison Rape Elimination Commission.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust
(305) 350-0613



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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TO: Robert Meigs Director

DATE: 9/13/07

Commissioner of Ethics

TIME: _____ M

FAX No: (305) 579-0220

FROM: Sen Ryan Director

CONTENTS: Memorandum Offer (Acceptance Approval)

COMMENTS: Rachelle please ask Mr. Meigs to call
Director Ryan (786) 263-6019

Thanks
Jude H. Garrett

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(786) 263-6010

Memorandum



Date: August 28, 2007

To: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Via: Alina T. Hudak
Assistant County Manager

From: Timothy P. Ryan, Director
Corrections & Rehabilitation Department

Subject: Honorarium Offer (re: Acceptance Approval)

Pursuant to the enclosed, I have been offered an honorarium of one thousand dollars for my work for the Prison Rape Elimination Commission. This is something new and has not been offered before this. As we discussed when I assumed the position of Director of MDCR, I advised that it was of personal and professional importance to maintain my connections with the national interests in Corrections. The PREA is certainly one of those important connections. However, I never expected to receive any special compensation for such service.

Relative to the enclosed though, they are describing it as a "consultant fee" which meant that I have a contract for services, seemingly meaning that I had an outside work authorization from your office. Since I had not expected this, I had not sought permission to attend under this category. However, since this seems to have changed. I would respectfully request approval to attend such meetings with such recognition. (Note: It is expected that there will be at least one more such meeting this fall without compensation.)

As to the honorarium, I would certainly like to accept it personally, but recognize the propriety of that may appear clouded. As such, I would like to accept the honorarium, but make it as a special contribution to the United Way, possibly at their Golf Tournament for Nearest the Pin and Largest Drive Awards.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED

Alina T. Hudak
Assistant County Manager

Date

Alina T. Hudak
Assistant County Manager

George M. Burgess
County Manager

Date

George M. Burgess
County Manager

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c: Tyrone W. Williams, Esquire

Garrett, Linda H. (MDCR)

From: Jennifer Trovillion [jtrovillion@nprec.us]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 2:53 PM
Cc: Richard Hoffman; Richard Tewksbury; Busansky Alexander; Michela Bowman; Sharon Brett
Subject: NPREC Standards Expert Committee - Honorarium - forwarded on behalf of Richard B. Hoffman

Dear NPREC Standards Expert Committee member:

On behalf of the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission, I would like to thank you for your participation in the standards drafting process, including your willingness to travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Expert Committee meetings held in the past few months. As you know, we will be holding a second round of these meetings in the coming weeks to go over subsequent drafts of the standards and hopefully produce a cohesive, comprehensive document to bring before the NPREC Commissioners. The standards writing process is both laborious and incredibly important. The NPREC and Vera Institute of Justice staff are incredibly grateful for your time and input into this difficult task.

As a way of thanking you for your contributions to this process, we would like to provide each of you with a one-time honorarium of \$1,000 in the form of a "consultant fee." In order to be eligible to receive this honorarium, you must have either attended the spring Expert Committee meeting, or plan on attending the fall meeting. If you are on one of the two groups that has not yet met, you will need to attend at least one of the two upcoming meetings in order to receive this honorarium. We cannot provide the honorarium to your organization or company - it must go directly to you, unless your company is registered in the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Central Contractor Registry database.

To receive this honorarium, you must complete the attached ACH form and bring it to your bank for a bank official's signature. Your information should be added to the 'payee' field. The bank should complete the financial institution information. The OJP vendor number on the form will be your social security number.

Please complete the form and return it via mail to NPREC, 1440 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20005. Although we will not issue the fee until you have attended one of the meetings, you do not need to wait to submit the ACH form until after your attendance - please go ahead and do that now so that we can begin the processing.

If you cannot accept this honorarium due to government regulations regarding you or your organization, or for any other reason, please let us know.

Thank you again for your participation in this process. We look forward to continuing to work with you, and seeing you again at the expert committee meetings this fall!

Best regards,
Richard B. Hoffman
FORWARDED BY:

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