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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2007 2:34 PM
To: Milian, Lourdes (DIST6)
Cc: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Subject: RE: Community Smiles

Lourdes,

Gerald Sanchez forwarded me your e-mail. After reviewing the matter, I find no conflict of interest for Commissioner Sosa to use some of her discretionary budget to allocate funding to Community Smiles. As far as I can tell, the only connection between the Miami-Dade Public Schools and Community Smiles is that Community Smiles has been given in-kind support in the form of space from the School District for its clinic to operate. Furthermore, Commissioner Sosa's employment with Miami-Dade Public Schools is unrelated to the work performed by Community Smiles.

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

Thanks,

Robert

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

From: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2007 9:06 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: FW: Community Smiles

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From: Milian, Lourdes (DIST6)
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2007 3:39 PM
To: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Subject: FW: Community Smiles

Hi Gerald, I am at the office. Thanks Lourdes

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

From: Cuevas, Jr. R.A. (CAO)
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2007 11:31 AM
To: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Cc: Milian, Lourdes (DIST6); Price-Williams, Abigail (CAO)
Subject: FW: Community Smiles

Gerald,

Please respond to the below question from Comm'r Sosa's office.
THX, CUEV

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

From: Milian, Lourdes (DIST6)
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 2:49 PM
To: Cuevas, Jr. R.A. (CAO)
Cc: Sosa, Rebeca (DIST6); Marante, Roly (DIST6)
Subject: FW: Community Smiles

Good afternoon Mr. Cuevas,

Commissioner Sosa is considering allocating funds from her Discretionary funds to Community Smiles. In the past she abstained herself from donating any monies because Community Smiles did received funds from the Miami Dade Public Schools. At present, please see below, all the benefit they allege they receive from the Miami Dade Public Schools is In-Kind support to allow them to use the space where the clinic provides their dental services.

Please advise whether or not, if the Commissioner allocates funds to this organization, be a conflict of interest since she works for a program ran by the School System. We appreciate your assistance and written response on this matter. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions.

Thank you, Have a Great Day!
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From: barbara kubilus [<mailto:barb4smiles@bellsouth.net>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 1:57 PM
To: Milian, Lourdes (DIST6)
Subject: Community Smiles

Good afternoon:

Hope this finds you happy and well, it was a pleasure seeing you again. As per our conversation with Commissioner Sosa, I am forwarding some specifics about Community Smiles organization. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions that you may have.

The Dade County Dental Research Clinic dba Community Smiles is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization providing dental care to the underserved of the South Florida community. The clinic has a network of over 150 volunteer dental professionals who dedicate their time to the delivery of care to the underserved. In 2006-2007, 3367 patients were provided with 10,992 dental services.

Community Smiles' funders are the Miami-Dade County Public Health Trust; Health Foundation of South Florida; Blue Foundation; Junior League of Miami; and the State of Florida. Additionally, Miami-Dade Public Schools provides in-kind support by donating the dental clinic facility at Lindsey Hopkins Technical Center as well as staff resources.

Thank you,
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