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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2009 9:02 AM
To: 'jorge@arrizurieta.com'
Subject: RE: ILS health Systems

Jorge:

Thank you for your request for opinion. As I understand it, your client, ILS Health Systems, is in negotiations to enter into an agreement with Jackson Health Systems and you wish to know whether a conflict of interest is created for you as a member of the Board of Trustees.

There are two provisions of the county's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance which are most relevant to your situation -- one involving voting conflicts and the other involving appearances.

In order to avoid a voting conflict, you must not participate in any discussions or vote on the ILS Systems contract. Assuming this item comes before the Board of Trustees, you must absent yourself from the room when the matter is brought forward. Moreover, the ban on participation extends to discussions with staff before the contract is approved and after it takes effect. In effect, this means you should not converse with any other PHT official or employee on the ILS Systems matter.

The other relevant provision deals with appearances and would bar you from appearing on behalf of ILS Systems before any Public Health Trust board or committee. Furthermore, you are not permitted to receive compensation directly or indirectly for services rendered to this company if that compensation is related to the ILS Systems contract with Jackson Health Systems. Finally, any partners or associates of your firm would not be permitted to appear on behalf of ILS Systems if you could benefit from the appearance.

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

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

From: jorge@arrizurieta.com [mailto:jorge@arrizurieta.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2009 10:36 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: ILS health Systems

[1 Attachment]

Robert-

I am apologise for our continued phone tag.

As I mentioned, in my voicemail to you I am reaching out to you in an effort to ensure I conduct myself as is required by the code of ethics of Miami Dade County.

The attached letter from my client, ILS Health Systems is self explanatory. I have been doing business development work for them for more than three years on veterans issues across the country.

Among the many services and products that their company offers includes an important one related to helping hospitals with the very costly readmission issues. It is my understanding that they are in the process of negotiating a pilot agreement with Jackson Health Systems management.

My intention is to notify you of this and ensure that it is clear to all parties since ILS has been a client to my firm and previously to the law firm I was associated with.

If this matter ever goes to the Board for approval or ratification needless to say, I will recuse myself as the law requires.

In closing, please notify me if there is anything else I need to do to ensure that the laws and procedures are followed by both my client and me.

Many thanks for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Best,

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