

Meyers, Robert (COE)

INQ 11-07

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 4:25 PM
To: Milian, Lourdes (DIST6)
Subject: RE: Re: Donation to Miami Children's Hospital - True United Order True Sisters Cancer

Dear Lourdes:

As I understand your question, you wish to know whether Commissioner Sosa may allocate district funds to the Miami Children's Hospital. You indicate in your e-mail that the Commissioner has donated funds to the programs sponsored by the hospital in the past and she wishes to provide assistance to the UOTS Camp at the AD Barnes Park, located in her district. Finally, you mention that Commissioner Sosa's daughter works at the hospital as a nurse in the Emergency Room, but she has nothing to do with the organization receiving the funding or the department conducting the event.

My opinion is that Commissioner Sosa may fund this particular event out of her district account. Your e-mail demonstrates that District 6 residents will benefit from this event and the Commissioner's donation will help contribute to the event's success. The fact that Commissioner Sosa's daughter is employed by the hospital should not stand as an impediment to the Commissioner funding the event.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Thanks,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
 Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Milian, Lourdes (DIST6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 3:28 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Re: Donation to Miami Children's Hospital - True United Order True Sisters Cancer

Dear Mr. Meyers,

Per Mr. Gerald Sanchez suggestion, on behalf of Commissioner Sosa, we are requesting your opinion regarding a donation that the Commissioner would like to give to above institution.

In the past and on several occasions the Commissioner has donated funds, and approved in-kind fee waiver to above agency, which is located with her District 6.

This year they have come back to her as in the past asking for assistance with the funding of their yearly event "UOTS Camp at the AD Barnes Park which is also within Commissioner's Sosa's district.

Commissioner Sosa's daughter Veronica is a State Certified Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and works at Miami Children's Hospital in the Emergency Room. She has only been working with them since December 2010. She has nothing to do with this organization or the department that conducts this event.

She would like your opinion as to whether or not this may constitute a conflict of interest and would like your advice on the proper way to do it.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Thank you, Have a Great Day!
 Lourdes G. Milian, District Office Manager

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