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Subject: Russell CAA Board Service (INQ 12-31)

Ms. Russell:

We concur with your decision to resign from the Community Action Agency (CAA) based on the interest of Teen Upward Bound, Inc., to become a Head Start contractor under the direction of the Community Action & Human Services Dept. (CAHSD). We understand that you are employed as the Executive Director of Teen Upward Bound, Inc., a nonprofit organization.

The County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (c)(3) prohibits advisory board members from contracting with any department subject to the recommendations of the board on which the member serves.

Since the CAA will review and recommend Head Start bidders who will eventually contract with CAHSD, you may not serve on the CAA if Teen Upward Bound, Inc., is being evaluated by the CAA.

Even though preliminary assessments are being made by CAHSD staff and not by CAA board members, an inherent ethics conflict exists because the CAA has an overarching responsibility to guide the staff on qualities that best serve the Head Start community.

Additionally, as a CAA board member, you may be in a position to obtain confidential information not available to other bidders. This risk is increased by the fact that one of the CAA board members also serves on the selection committee that is ranking Head Start bidders. If Teen Upward Bound, Inc., were to have an unfair advantage in the selection process because of your relationships, you could be charged with exploitation of your official position and possibly other violations. See the County Ethics Code at Secs. 2-11.1 (g) and (h).

Under these circumstances, we find that your decision to resign from the CAA was prudent.

Sincerely,

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From: Jannie L. Russell [<mailto:jrussell@teenupwardbound.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 5:49 PM
To: Ethics (COE)
Subject: FW: JLR Resignation letter
Importance: High

May I please have an opinion on the issue below.

Thanks,

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Cc: 'Jannie L. Russell'
Subject: JLR Resignation letter

Hi all,

It is with mixed emotions that I am resigning from the CAA Advisory Board. The agency, which I am the Executive Director, Teen Up-Ward Bound, Inc wishes to participate in the procurement process to provide quality child care services in Miami Dade County. I am not sure if the conflict of interest rule applies, but to remove the appearance of conflict, I submit my resignation.

I still will like to receive a ruling from the County Ethics Commission concerning the matter. I take pride in serving my community and look forward to working with you in the future. If I can be of service, please do not hesitate to call.

God Bless you all in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

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