# INQ 16-99 Turner

From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
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(PHCD) <eartha.alexander@miamidade.gov>; Montealegre, Sharon (PHCD) <SMONTEA@miamidade.gov>
Subject: Enid Turner, Finance and Budget Analyst, Revenue Accounting PHCD ( Limitations on contracting with the County) INQ 16-99

Dear Ms. Turner:

Attached is the Limitations on Doing Business with the County Ethics Opinion letter. Please note that it indicates that you are prohibited from contracting with PHDC to participate in the Housing Choice Voucher program because you work in the same PHCD Division that administers this program.

You may print this letter and submit it to PHCD.

Please contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Gilma (Mimi) Diaz-Greco Staff Attorney



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To: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) <<u>GDIAZGR@miamidade.gov</u>>; Alexander, Eartha (PHCD)
<<u>eartha.alexander@miamidade.gov</u>>

**Cc:** Montealegre, Sharon (PHCD) <<u>SMONTEA@miamidade.gov</u>> **Subject:** RE: PHCD Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Annual Review - Request for Opinion

Please include Sharon Montealegre on all correspondence. Thanks.



Alisa L. Caballero Quality and Assurance Officer Administrative Services Division Public Housing and Community Development 701 NW 1st Court, 16th Floor Miami, Florida 33136 Phone: 786-469-2100 786-469-2168 Fax: 786-469-2168 (Call Pilot) <u>alara@miamidade.gov</u> www.miamidade.gov/

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From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 1:56 PM
To: Alexander, Eartha (PHCD)
Cc: Caballero, Alisa L (PHCD)
Subject: RE: PHCD Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Annual Review - Request for Opinion

Ms. Alexander:

The Ethics Code prohibits County employees from receiving assistance from PHCD if they work in the division that administers the particular assistance they are seeking. Here, if I understand correctly, Ms. Turner is employed in the division that administers Section 8 programs and she is also seeking to receive a Section 8 voucher. Please confirm, because if this is the case she would be prohibited from participating in the Housing Choice Voucher program.

Thanks and best regards,

Gilma (Mimi) Diaz-Greco Staff Attorney



Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust 19 W. Flagler Street, Suite 820 From: Alexander, Eartha (PHCD)
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 1:42 PM
To: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) <<u>GDIAZGR@miamidade.gov</u>>
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<<u>ALARA@miamidade.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: PHCD Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Annual Review - Request for Opinion

I apologize for the delay in replying. Below is a summary of Ms. Enid Turner's duties:

Power user for our Elite system, analyze, test, and troubleshoot the system. Assist users with processes and issues in Elite system relating to Section 8 HCV programs and Low Income Public Housing (LIPH).

Record payments for LIPH tenants and overpayment receipts for Section 8 vendors and clients in the HCV programs. She has access to view financial information, transfer receivables and to apply payments to receivables in the Section 8 programs.

Prepare journal vouchers and record other receipts for the division.

Clear and reconcile checks in Elite & CCSLIB systems relating to Section 8 HCV programs and other vendors.

Thank you,

**Eartha Alexander** Miami Dade Public Housing And Community Development Revenue Accounting 701 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Court, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor Miami, FL 33136 Tel: (786) 469-4198 Fax: (786) 469-4199 <u>eartha.alexander@miamidade.gov</u> *"Delivering Excellence Every Day"* 

From: Caballero, Alisa L (PHCD)
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To: Alexander, Eartha (PHCD)
Cc: Salinas Cotter, Christina (PHCD); Montealegre, Sharon (PHCD); Marlow, Simona (PHCD); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: RE: PHCD Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Annual Review - Request for Opinion

Hi Eartha:

This is a reminder that a response has not yet been received. Please respond to Ms. Diaz-Greco directly and provide this unit with a copy of your response. Delays in responding may negatively affect the timely processing of this request. If you have any questions, please contact me.



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To: Alexander, Eartha (PHCD)
Cc: Salinas Cotter, Christina (PHCD); Montealegre, Sharon (PHCD); Marlow, Simona (PHCD)
Subject: FW: PHCD Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Annual Review - Request for Opinion

# Hi Eartha:

Ms. Turner has applied for assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program and has requested an Ethics opinion in her case. Please provide a summary of Ms. Turner's job functions, and confirm that she does not have any access to modify or view the financial aspect of the HCV program.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Montealegre at 786-469-4293, or myself. Thanks.



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From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 1:10 PM
To: Caballero, Alisa L (PHCD)
Subject: FW: PHCD Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Annual Review - Request for Opinion

Alisa:

Ms. Turner is seeking an HCV. She is employed at PHCD in the Revenue and Accounting Department. Would you please provide verification that this is a separate division from the one that administers and oversees the Section 8 programs and that Ms. Turner's employment does not require her to be involved in any way on the administration of Section 8 programs.

Thanks and best regards,

Gilma (Mimi) Diaz-Greco Staff Attorney



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From: Turner, Enid (PHCD)
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Cc: Alexander, Eartha (PHCD) <<u>eartha.alexander@miamidade.gov</u>>; Montealegre, Sharon (PHCD)

### <<u>SMONTEA@miamidade.gov</u>>

Subject: PHCD Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Annual Review - Request for Opinion

Good Afternoon,

My name is Enid Turner, please find attached a request of opinion in reference to PHCD's Human Resources section's annual review for possible conflict of interests within PHCD; employees applying or participating in a housing assistance program.

When I applied to the **Housing Assistance Program** back in 2008 I was a temporary employee from one of the Temp Agencies.

I recently became permanent at Miami Dade PHCD as of 04/27/2015.

Thank you

Enid Turner, Finance & Budget Analyst

Revenue Accounting Department **Miami Dade Public Housing** and Community Development 701 NW 1st Court, 16th Floor Miami, FL 33136

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March 28, 2016

Enid P. Turner 1650 NE 135 Street, Apt. 805 Miami, Florida 33181 Please submit this letter to the Procurement Department. The Ethics Commission does not submit this letter on your

Re: INQ 16-99, Limitations on Doing Business with the County

Ms. Turner:

You have inquired about limitations in contracting with the County. In your application dated February 29, 2016, you advised the Ethics Commission that you are employed by the Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development department (PHCD) as a Finance and Budget Analyst. You would like to enter into a contract with the Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) to participate in the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

We have reviewed your job responsibilities with your supervisor and she advises that you work in a PHCD division that is involved in the administration and oversight of the Housing Choice Voucher program. The Miami-Dade County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 at Sec. 2-11.1 (c)(2) specifically prohibits County employees from contracting with the division that employs them. See also Miami-Dade Code at 2-11.1(c)(5)(5) (providing that a County employee who is otherwise eligible for assistance through the PHCD should be permitted to seek such assistance as long as the County employee does not administer the program) and RQO 12-06 (holding the PHCD employees are not prohibited from entering into a contract with a separate division of PHCD which does not administer the particular program the employee is seeking to contract with). Under the circumstances presented here, you are prohibited from contracting with PHDC to participate in the Housing Choice Voucher program because you work in the same PHCD Division that administers this program.

We advise you that you would not be prohibited from contracting through a Housing Choice Voucher program administered by one of the Municipalities.

Please contact me at 305 350-0638 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Gilma Diaz-Greco Staff Attorney

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# County Employee and/or Relative of County Employee Seeking Assistance from Public Housing and Community Development Programs

Please submit the following information by mail, fax, or email to	):			
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Miami, FL 33130	Email: gdiazgr@miamidade.gov			

County Employee (check here	if you are a County employee applying for one of the programs administered by PHCD)
Employee's Name	Enid PTURNER
Employee's Dept. and Section	PHCD, Revenue Accounting Department
Employee's Title	Finance & Budget Budget Budyst
Employee's Job Description and Duties	Post Sec 8 Wer Payments from land bord + tenants
Employee's Mailing Address and Zip Cod	e 1650 NE 135 et, Apt 805 Miani, 72 33181
Employee's Phone Number	305 244 64 95
Employee's Email	eturner @ Mianidade. go
Immediate family member who works at PHCD	Self
PHCD Division where relative works	
Supervisor's Name	Eartha Alexander
Supervisor's Phone Number and Email	786 N69 4198 earther Alexander @ Miamidade gov
Immediate Family Memb	or of County Employee (Mismi Dade County's Ethics code at Section (b)(9) defines "Immediate Family"

as spouse, domestic partner, parents, stepparent, children, and stepchildren)
Complete this section if: You are a County employee who has an immediate family member working at PHDC (complete top section and this section)
You are not a County employee, but an immediate family member is a County employee (complete this section only)

Your Name	
Your Mailing Address	
Your Daytime Phone Number	
Your Email	
Name of County employee	
What is the relationship? (spouse, child, p	arent, etc)
County employee's department or divisio	n
County employee's title	

List names, titles, and departments of any	other
immediate family members currently emp	ployed
by Miami-Dade County	

#### Please check below which Loan or Rental Assistance program you are seeking

#### Section 8 Programs

(Those wishing to file to become <u>Section 8 Landlords</u> must complete the COE application for Section 8 Landlords at: <a href="http://ethics.miamidade.gov/frequently-used-forms.asp">http://ethics.miamidade.gov/frequently-used-forms.asp</a>)

- Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)
- Project-Based Voucher (PBV)
- Veterans Affair Supportive Voucher (VASH)
- Moderate Rehabilitation
- Substantial Rehabilitation
- Shelter Plus Care (S+C)

# Other Rental (not Section 8 related) and Mortgage Programs

Public Housing Rental
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA-maximum 2years)
Home-ownership Second Mortgages
Home-owner Rehabilitation Program
Home-owner Beautification Program
Other (please list):

The Miami-Dade County Code, Section 2-11.1 (c)(5)(5), allows County Employees and their immediate family members to apply for direct housing assistance programs from the County's Public Housing and Community Development Department (PHCD) if they meet certain conditions and if the following criteria are met. Please check one of the following categories and affirm that you meet the criteria for that category:

X County Employees:

- 1. I am eligible to receive such assistance from PHCD.
- 2. I do not work in PHCD, the department that enforces, oversees, or administers the contract.

# PHCD Employee:

- 1. I am eligible to receive such assistance from PHCD.
- 2. I will not participate in the administration of the program during the entire term of the loan or rental assistance provided.

Immediate Family Member of a County Employee

- 1. I am an immediate family member of an employee who is not employed by the County Public Housing and Community Development department.
- 2. I am eligible to receive such assistance from PHCD.

I affirm that the information I have provided is true and I pledge to abide by the requirements listed here.

2/29/16 Date

Signature

Your ethics opinion will be sent to by first class mail and email. Please submit the letter to the PHCD department.

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