

Meyers, Robert (COE)

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2006 3:14 PM
To: Marante, Roly (DIST6)
Subject: RE: Conflict of Interest - Opinion-TENET

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Roly,

After consulting with the chairman of the Commission on Ethics and our general counsel, I am of the opinion that Commissioner Sosa should not participate in or vote on the acquisition of Parkway Hospital by the Public Health Trust. Admittedly, it is a close call but Section 2-11.1(d) creates a voting conflict if an official could be affected in a manner distinct from the manner in which it would affect the public generally and further states that an official who would or might, directly or indirectly, profit or be enhanced by the action should recuse himself or herself.

I realize that Commissioner Sosa does not sit on Parkway's Board or Tenet's Board, but she does receive compensation from one of Tenet's hospitals. Any action by COSHA and the County Commission will benefit Tenet and could indirectly benefit her. I acknowledge that any financial interest she has in this matter, as a compensated board of another Tenet hospital, is an indirect one. However, based upon the abovementioned language contained in the Conflict of Interest ordinance, I would advise against her participating in and voting on the Parkway purchase.

If you wish to discuss in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust
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From: Marante, Roly (DIST6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 2:18 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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Robert,

Commissioner Sosa was appointed by the other sitting members of the Coral Gables Board of Directors. She is compensated for each meeting she attends in the amount of \$250.

I hope this helps you out.

RM

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
To: Marante, Roly (DIST6)
Sent: Wed Oct 11 13:14:47 2006
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Roly,

One assumption and one question for you before I can issue an opinion. I assume