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Subject: RE: request for opinion
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From: ETHICS
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2004 4:57 PM
To: Martinez, Rafael (DHS)
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Dr. Martinez,

I reviewed your request for opinion and would advise you that a person who sits on the Youth Crime Task Force and who is employed by an community-based organization which is partially funded by the Youth Crime Task Force may participate in all discussions pertaining to matters that are properly within the purview of the Task Force. A conflict of interest might be created if this individual voted on a proposal that could directly impact the CEO. It isn't a matter of the CEO's agency benefiting, but rather whether the CEO could personally benefit from this policy change. In order to determination whether the conflict actually exists, I would need to know about the method by which the CEO is compensated or evaluated by his/her board.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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

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

From: Martinez, Rafael (DHS)
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2004 2:29 PM
To: ETHICS
Subject: request for opinion

Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached you will find a request for an opinion submitted by the Miami-Dade County Youth Crime Task Force. If this is not the right format for requesting an opinion, please let us know the correct procedure.

Thank you.

Rafael Martinez, Ed.D.
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Miami-Dade County Youth Crime Task Force
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