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From: Prkic, Christina (COE)
Sent: Friday, July 09, 2004 10:57 AM
To: 'Eve Boutsis'
Subject: RE: Another query

Hi Eve:

I discussed this matter with Robert.

We believe that in order to minimize the appearance of impropriety, as you indicate, it is best that the Chair of the Housing Agency [Commissioner Barriero's aide] not contact Mr. Brewster. Perhaps, another member of the agency, a representative from US HUD, a staff member of the Agency, City of Miami Beach official/personnel could make the inquiry.

As to your second question, regarding Mr. Brewster's employment with the City Housing Authority, he should request an opinion from the Ethics Commission. I do not have enough information to determine if it is conflicting employment. The first question is would it be a full time position, therefore, working two full time jobs? A bit unrealistic? The fact that the Agency receives money from County is not an automatic prohibition/conflict for him, though.

I may be difficult to reach via email or phone for the remainder of the day. We are in the process of moving offices today, same floor, just a different space. Thankfully, I am leaving my windowless cubby hole, to move to a windowless non-cubby-like office. As the mighty George Jefferson once said, "We're movin'on up!" What a glorious feeling it is Eve.:)

See you next Friday to celebrate this progress.

Christina

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

From: Eve Boutsis [mailto:eboutsis@ngf-law.com]
Sent: Friday, July 09, 2004 8:44 AM
To: cprkic@miamidade.gov
Subject: Another query
Importance: High

The City of Miami Beach Housing Authority's executive director provided us with 60 day notice of her resignation. My board is seeking an interim director. US HUD has recommended to our chair to contact Miami-Dade Housing to see if they have someone. IN fact, HUD recommended contacting Mr. Al Brewster. Problem is my chair is an employee of Comm'r Bruno Barreiro. I think that there is an appearance of impropriety if she were to contact Mr. Brewster under 2-11.1(g) (Possible exploitation of position). Particularly, as she is a comm'rs aid. But, then again, what she would be speaking to him about - helping the City of Miami Beach Housing Authority as an interim director of the agency. Please understand Mr. Brewster knows nothing. My chair has not called him as of yet. Wanted your ok first.

As for Mr. Brewster, were he to accept, his only problem is -- that our agency has a grant from county. However, the grant extension already went forward. Another division of our agency is actually handling the matter (not the executive director position, which Mr. Brewster would be filling were he to come on board). So, we do not anticipate him going before the county on that grant. Also, the position would be temporary-- maybe several months. Based upon the information I have provided to you ---- I do not think this would be conflicting employment, or any other of the reasons for prohibiting having his assistance. You agree?

Very truly yours,

Eve

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