

Meyers, Robert (COE)

INQ 08-68

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2008 12:33 PM
To: Raymond, David (HT)
Subject: RE: Ethics Opinion

David,

I apologize for not answering your email sooner. There is nothing in the county ethics ordinance that would prohibit the Children's Trust from appointing an individual from serving on a County advisory board. Conflicts of interest are created under the county ethics ordinance when individual board members stand to benefit from their decisions. I don't see any special private gain or benefit under the facts you have described.

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

Sincerely,

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From: Raymond, David (HT)
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2008 6:19 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE); Walker, Ardyth (COE)
Cc: Taylor-Wooten, Irene (CEO); Dashtaki, Mandana (CAO)
Subject: Ethics Opinion

Hi Robert and Ardyth,

On April 8th the BCC approved a Model Process for Community Based Organization funding. Part of the process includes the appointment of any Advisory Board. The Board consists of one appointment for each Commissioner, the Mayor, and seven community groups. One of the community groups is the Children's Trust. They were selected for their important role in service delivery to children in our community. One of the Commissioners posed a question to staff inquiring if there was any prohibition for the Children's Trust to serve on a County Board of this nature. The genesis of the question was that the Children's Trust is funded via ad valorem taxes and the community based organizations to be funded based on recommendations of the Advisory Board are funded via the BCC by general revenue which is derived from separate ad valorem taxes.

I am posing the question as requested. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this issue.

Regards,
David

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