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I spoke to Jack Hartog, former assistant county attorney, on February 12, 2009 and he indicated that was currently working for a private law firm and that Jackson Foundation wishes to hire him as a consultant. He wants to know how the Two Year Rule applies, as this consulting position would involve lobbying the Board of County Commissioners and the Public Health Trust.

I advised Mr. Hartog that the Two Year Rule did not apply to the Foundation's decision to hire him. As far as lobbying the BCC and the Public Health Trust is concerned, he is not considered a lobbyist when appearing before the Public Health Trust – the Foundation is the fundraising arm of the Public Health Trust. The government to government exception applies when Mr. Hartog lobbies the BCC. Government officials are not defined as lobbyists when they are acting in their official capacity representing other governments. In this case, Mr. Hartog would be representing the fundraising arm of the Public Health Trust and the Public Health Trust is an instrumentality of County government.

Robert Meyers, Executive Director