

Meyers, Robert (COE)

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2009 10:04 AM
To: Davis-Raiford, Lucia (FEP)
Subject: RE: Opinion Request

Dear Lucia:

Thank you for your request for opinion. The county's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance does not preclude you from serving on the Board of Directors of a non-profit agency receiving County funding. However, the ethics codes places restrictions on your interactions with the County on behalf of the Carrie Meek Foundation or any other non-profit agency. A County employee is not permitted to personally appear before any County board, agency or committee or meet with County officials or employees as a representative of his/her non-profit agency when such agency is seeking County funding. Moreover, you are not authorized to sign any documents or grant applications which will be presented to Miami-Dade County. Finally, if any issues or disputes arise between the County and any of your non-profit agencies, you would not be permitted to participate in these meetings or discussions. These limitations do not apply to your dealings as a board member of a non-profit agency with other governments, institutions or agencies.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Thanks,

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

From: Davis-Raiford, Lucia (FEP)
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2009 2:26 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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Robert:

As a County employee and community worker, I am involved in the work of several organizations. I seek an opinion of the Ethics Committee as to whether any legal conflict exists with my being on the board of not-for-profit organizations that may have contracts with the County or receive funding from the County for their ongoing operations. I will specifically reference the Carrie Meek Foundation, as I am the daughter of the founder and am aware that the Foundation has a working arrangement with the Miami- Dade Airport to provide economic development at Opa-Locka Airport. I would like to know whether there would be any legal or ethics violations should I join the Board of Directors of this group.

Thanks,
Lucia

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