

**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2010 2:45 PM  
**To:** 'Erica Echezabal'  
**Cc:** 'Lucas, Theodore G.'  
**Subject:** RE: Abraham Galbut-Public Health Trust

Dear Ms. Echezabal:

Thank you for e-mailing me the letter from Mr. Galbut. Please advise him that I have reviewed his letter and would agree with his decision not participate in any discussions or vote on any items in reference to Hebrew Homes Health Network or those companies competing for the same contracts. The standard for a voting conflict is whether a board member could be directly or indirectly affected by the action of his/her board. In the instant case, I find that Mr. Galbut could be indirectly affected if he were to take part in the discussions and vote on the RFPs in question. In order to comply with the applicable ethics ordinance, one who has a voting conflict must absent himself from meeting when the item comes up on the agenda. Therefore, I would advise Mr. Galbut to leave the room when the discussions of these RFPs are presented to the board or one of its subcommittees. On the other hand, if the Board of Trustees or one of its subcommittees were to engage in a general discussion of nursing homes and nursing home care in this community, I see no reason why Mr. Galbut would have refrain from speaking at these meetings.

If Mr. Galbut has any further questions, please have him contact me at his convenience.

Sincerely,

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

**From:** Erica Echezabal [mailto:eechezabal@marquis-miami.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2010 12:17 PM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Cc:** 'Abraham Galbut'  
**Subject:** Abraham Galbut-Public Health Trust

Dear Mr. Meyer,

Kindly see attached letter from Abraham Galbut in regards to the Public Health Trust.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

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January 19, 2010

Via Email & Regular Mail  
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Mr. Robert Meyer  
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RE: Public Health Trust

Dear Mr. Meyer,

I am a member of the Public Health Trust. In addition to my other professional responsibilities as a Real Estate Developer and Attorney, I have an affiliation with Hebrew Homes Health Network, a non-profit corporation, which owns and operates through subsidiaries, multiple nursing homes in Miami Dade County.

Although I have no ownership interest in the Hebrew Homes Health Network, as it is a non-profit organization, I am an officer of one of its' subsidiaries and receive compensation as President of that subsidiary, Hebrew Homes Captive Services and am responsible for their Risk Management, evaluating and managing of their litigation and as serving as Corporate Counsel from time to time.

Hebrew Homes Health Network has responded to three Requests for Proposals ("RFPs,") which will eventually come before subcommittees and eventually be entire board of the Public Health Trust for consideration.

Please note that I have specifically excluded myself from any discussions with or preparation of the Hebrew Homes Health Network responses to the RFPs and have specifically removed myself from any specific discussions in reference to the specific RFPs in any subcommittee or boards of the Public Health Trust. Even though, there have been discussions in multiple committees regarding the financial conditions of the hospital, there has been no discussion to these specific RFPs to date in any committee that I attended.

Although, it may be argued that I do not have an actual conflict, it is, in my opinion, that I have an apparent conflict and intend to declare such conflict when such RFPs matters are discussed either at committee or board levels.

I would request a written response advising me that my intended actions are sufficient and appropriate. I invite you to make any further suggestions, if necessary.

Very Truly Yours,  
Hudson Consulting and Management, LLC

  
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Abraham Galbut, President