THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Regental Action Required Under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute

Action Requested: Authorization for the University to Enter into an Agreement with Camp Doc (University of Michigan Employee, Michael Ambrose, Owner)

Background:

The University of Michigan Health System (UMHS) Transplant Center is seeking approval to enter into an agreement with Camp Doc to provide an electronic medical record system for Camp Michitanki participants. Camp Michitanki (Michigan Transplant Kids) is a summer camp created by the University of Michigan Transplant Center to provide an exciting camping experience for children 7-15 years of age who have had an organ transplant. The total for these services is $164. The department selected Camp Doc because they provide this unique service at a low cost.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Michael Ambrose is a University employee as a Pediatric Resident at the UMHS and is a party to the purchase as Owner of Camp Doc. However, the Statute allows the University to enter into such contracts if the following conditions are met:

a) The public servant promptly discloses any pecuniary interest in the contract to the official body which has power to approve the purchase, which disclosure shall be a matter of record in its official proceedings.

b) The purchase is approved by a vote of not less than 2/3 of the full membership of the approving body in open session without the vote of the public servant making the disclosure.

c) The official body discloses the following summary information in its official minutes:

i) The name of each party involved in the contract.

ii) The terms of the purchase, including duration, financial consideration between the parties, facilities or services of the public entity included in the purchase, and the nature and degree of assignment of employees of the public entity for fulfillment of the purchase.

iii) The nature of any pecuniary interest.
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c):

i) The parties involved in the agreement are the Regents of the University of Michigan, UMHS Transplant Center and Camp Doc.

ii) The agreement is for Camp Doc to provide an electronic medical record system for camp participants for a total cost of $164.

iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that Michael Ambrose is a University of Michigan employee and Owner of Camp Doc.

Michael Ambrose has met state law requirements with the disclosure of his pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan. Requirements, if any, that may be applicable under the Medical School’s or OVPR’s Conflict of Interest Committee’s procedures are separately analyzed and managed.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the payments between the University of Michigan and Camp Doc subject to requirements, if any, that either the Medical School’s or OVPR’s Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

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