THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents July 16, 2015

Subject:

Regental Action Required Under the State of

Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute

Action Requested:

Authorization for the University to transact with Jool Health, Incorporated (University of Michigan Employee, Victor Strecher, Stockholder and Owner)

Background:

The University of Michigan Business Engagement Center seeks approval to transact with Jool Health, Incorporated ("Jool Health") for 2015 summer intern support. Jool Health was selected based on their application to participate in the Michigan Corporate Relations Network intern program. This program is designed to help small companies hire University of Michigan interns for the summer.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Victor Strecher is a University employee as Professor, Director for Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship with Health Behavior and Health Education at the School of Public Health and would be party to the contract as a Stockholder and Owner of Jool Health.

However, the Statute allows the University to enter into such agreements 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) above:

- i) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Business Engagement Center and Jool Health.
- ii) The agreement is for 2015 summer intern support at a total cost of \$3,500.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee, Victor Strecher, is a Stockholder and Owner of Jool Health.

Victor Strecher 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.

<u>We recommend</u> that the Board of Regents approve the agreement between the University of Michigan and Jool Health subject to requirements, if any, that either the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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