

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

Approved by the Regents
January 22, 2009

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 the Flint
Association of Black Social Workers (University of Michigan Employee Leander
Croom, Vice President)

Background:

The University of Michigan Department of Health Management and Policy in the School of Public Health seeks approval to enter into an agreement with the Flint Association of Black Social Workers ("FABSW") for their services in coordinating community meetings and participation related to research and evaluation of genetics curriculum offered at Flint Northern High School. FABSW was selected because they were uniquely qualified to engage the community due to their civic presence, existing relationships and prior involvement.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Leander Croom is a University employee and would be a party to the contract by virtue of his position as Vice President of FABSW. 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.

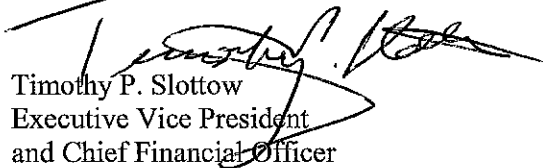
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Department of Health Management and Policy in the School of Public Health and FABSW.
- ii) The agreement is for services to convene community discussions for students enrolled in genetics curriculum and their parents. The first community meeting took place on February 12, 2007 and total payment is due for \$1,450. Subsequent payments of \$1,000 per year are anticipated for years 2008 through 2010.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that Leander Croom, University of Michigan employee as Lecturer II in Social Work at the University of Michigan-Flint in the School of Education and Human Services, is Vice President of FABSW.

Mr. Croom has met state law requirements with the disclosure of his pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangement 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 agreement between the University of Michigan and the Flint Association of Black Social Workers, subject to requirements, if any, that either the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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