

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 transact with Avicenna Medical Systems, Inc., (University of Michigan Employees Frank Pelosi, M.D., Erdwing Coronado and Khaled El-Safty, Owners)

Background:

The University of Michigan Health System (UMHS) seeks approval to transact with Avicenna Medical Systems, Inc. (Avicenna) for programming services. These services are required to modify and test AviTracks patient tracking software applications to successfully integrate with EPIC. Avicenna was selected because they are the licensed owner of the software.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Frank Pelosi, M.D., Erdwing Coronado and Khaled El-Safty are University employees as Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, MCIT Manager and MCIT Programmer, respectively, and would be parties to the contract as Owners of Avicenna.

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 Health System (UMHS) and Avicenna.
- ii) The agreement is for services required to test and modify existing patient tracking software required to successfully integrate with EPIC. The duration will not exceed 6 months and the total cost is \$10,000.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employees Frank Pelosi, M.D., Erdwing Coronado and Khaled Es-Safty are Owners of Avicenna.

Frank Pelosi, M.D., Erdwing Coronado and Khaled El-Safty have met state law requirements with the disclosure of their 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 agreement between the University of Michigan and Avicenna 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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