

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Subcontract Agreement between the University of Michigan and the Association of Professors of Gynecology & Obstetrics

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects while reviewing the Proposal Approval Form which then triggered a review by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with the conflict of interest was then developed and approved by the Board and agreed to by the parties involved.

This proposed agreement (“Agreement”) falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Professor Maya Hammoud is an employee of the University of Michigan (“University”) and Immediate Past President of the Board of Directors for the Association of Professors of Gynecology & Obstetrics (“APGO”). The law permits such an Agreement provided it is disclosed to the Board of Regents (“Regents”) of the University of Michigan and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote.

Background:

Maya Hammoud, MD, MBA, a Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, is the Immediate Past President of the Board of Directors for a non-profit organization called APGO (the “Company”). The Company wishes to fund an American Medical Association (prime) project entitled, “Transforming the UME to GME Transition for Obstetrics and Gynecology ‘Right Resident, Right Program, Ready Day One’” (ORSP #19-PAF06329) in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology under the direction of Dr. Hammoud. The purpose of this project is to improve the transition from medical school to residency with the goal of reducing related stresses, which include depression, burn-out, and suicide.

Agreement Terms:

The terms of the Agreement conform to University policy. The period of performance for the project is approximately five (5) years. The amount of funding support will not exceed \$869,431. Since research projects are often amended, this agreement includes a provision for changes in time and scope. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

Impact of the Agreement:

The Agreement will support an effort by Dr. Hammoud to use her expertise and University laboratory, as well as other University resources, to improve the medical school to residency transition by acknowledging an individual learner's different developmental trajectories in order to provide the support necessary for trainees to thrive as self-directed learners.

Recommendations:

This matter has been reviewed and approved by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board. In light of this disclosure and our finding that the Agreement was negotiated in conformance with standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve the University's entering into this Agreement with the Association of Professors of Gynecology & Obstetrics.

Respectfully submitted,



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