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May 26, 2017

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Dear Mr. Bonnet:

This is in response to Alta California Regional Center's (ACRC) March 14, 2017, correspondence requesting a conflict of interest waiver for Austin Taylor. The Department of Developmental Services (Department) is in receipt of the Conflict of Interest Reporting Statement and proposed Conflict Resolution Plan for Mr. Taylor, an ACRC board member. The Department received written approval of the proposed Conflict Resolution Plan from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) on April 21, 2017, as required by Title 17, California Code of Regulations, section 54534(a). SCDD approved the waiver request contingent upon compliance with Welfare & Institutions Code section 4622(k).

The noted conflict is that Mr. Taylor is employed by Lincoln Training Center (LTC), an ACRC vendor. Mr. Taylor works 19 hours a week as an Administrative Assistant. In his position, Mr. Taylor does not have decision-making authority as it relates to LTC financial matters.

Based on the information provided, the proposed Conflict Resolution Plan is approved for Mr. Taylor effective for 12 months from the date of this letter. If, at any point in time, there is a change of status that creates a present or potential conflict of interest, ACRC must ensure that Mr. Taylor prepares and files a new Conflict of Interest Reporting Statement, and ACRC submits a new Conflict Resolution Plan, if appropriate, pursuant to Title 17 Regional Center Conflict of Interest Standards and Procedures.

This approval is based on the implementation of the safeguards identified in your March 14, 2017, correspondence and the ACRC governing board's assurance the following conditions are met:

1. Mr. Taylor will fully disclose the existence and nature of the conflict of interest to the ACRC board and have it noted in the official board records;

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2. Mr. Taylor will abstain from voting on any matter pertaining to LTC or any matter which could impact LTC services;
3. Mr. Taylor will not use his position as a board member of ACRC to exert influence on decision-making regarding LTC;
4. Mr. Taylor will not participate in the preparation, presentation, formulation or approval of reports, plans, policies, analyses, opinions or recommendations regarding LTC when the exercise of judgment is required and the purpose is to influence the decision;
5. Mr. Taylor will not be involved in the negotiation, obligation, or commitment of ACRC to a course of action involving LTC; and,
6. The ACRC Board President and members will be responsible for ensuring that the plan and its safeguards are applied and monitored.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Elizabeth Mard, Regional Center Operations Section at (916) 654-3425, or by email at elizabeth.mard@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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