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Re: FOIA 13-872

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you for writing to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

The FOIA Office received your FOIA request on July 17, 2013 for the following information:

- 1. A listing of all state employees and contractors that have been to Michigan in the last three months (including those that were not paid for by that state but were invited by state employees)**

Department Response: Stephen DePooter, Eppie Dietz, Wyona Johnson, and Anita Corey

- 2. Travel Dates of those employees and contractors above traveled with all travel reimbursement forms**

Department Response: Dates of travel: April 21, 2013 through April 23, 2013. Please see the attached documents.

- 3. Dates and Times that CNSI or its employees/contractors had dinner with IL state employees and who paid for those dinners, alcohol**

Department Response: The above listed individuals had dinner with staff from the State of Michigan and CNSI on April 22, 2013 at 5pm. The State of Michigan paid for the dinner.

- 4. Listing of all gifts given to state employees (including the Cuban cigars given to HFS Executives)**

Department Response: We assume you mean gifts given by CNSI. If so, Anita Corey received two cigars, although she does not know what kind of cigars they were.

In addition, for items 2 and 3, you did not specify a timeframe, so the Department's response is only for the time period of the last three months (as you specified in item 1 of your request).

Portions of your request have been redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA which exempts from release certain "private information". "Private information" includes in part, social security numbers, biometric identifiers, medical records and personal telephone numbers pursuant to Section 2(C-5) of FOIA.

You have the right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
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You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court (5 ILCS 140/11).

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter (5 ILCS 140/9.5(a)). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

Sincerely,

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Kiran Mehta
Freedom of Information Officer

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Attachments