

Friday – July 1, 2011

Colleagues

In anticipation of our July 12th meeting regarding our health contract, I wanted to let the Board know that the attorney for the CHS Board (not the attorney for the hospital itself), Larry Dagenhart, works at the same 900-member law firm as my husband, McGuirewoods. I was not aware until a few months ago, when Mr. Dagenhart first called me about CHS, that he was the CHS board attorney. I have not discussed anything about the healthcare contract with my husband, and he has created a “chinese firewall” within his firm to avoid any communication with Mr. Dagenhart regarding Carolinas Healthcare.

This connection will not bias any of my discussion or action on the healthcare contract. I have spoken with Marvin about this issue and, although he felt it was correct to disclose this information to the BOCC, he did not feel it necessarily creates a conflict of interest or requires me to remove myself from discussing or acting on the healthcare contract.

I have had only one meeting with Mr. Dagenhart, and former county attorney Sandra Bisanar was with me at that meeting.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 12th.

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