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James Klahr
Executive Director

August 28, 2017

Danielle Rolph, Facility Director
Rich Hill Youth Development Center
501 N. 14th Street
Rich Hill, MO 64779

Re: File No. 17-0043-I & 17-0045-I

Dear Ms. Rolph:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you at its August 25, 2017 meeting. The complaint alleges that you, Facility Manager for the Rich Hill Youth Development Center, hired your niece to work as a Youth Specialist II. Rich Hill Youth Development Center is operated by the Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Youth Services (DYS).

Staff investigation of this complaint reviewed whether the Nepotism provision of the Missouri Constitution applied to the facts of this complaint. The provision, found in Art. VII, Sec. 6, provides:

Any public officer or employee in this state who by virtue of his office or employment names or appoints to public office or employment any relative within the fourth degree, by consanguinity or affinity, shall thereby forfeit his office or employment.

Staff determined that, while the individual hired to work at the Rich Hill Youth Development Center is your niece and the aunt/niece relationship does fall within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity, the appointing authority was a Human Resources Manager with the Department of Social Services.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of the Missouri Constitution, and is dismissing the complaint.

Sincerely,


James Klahr
Executive Director