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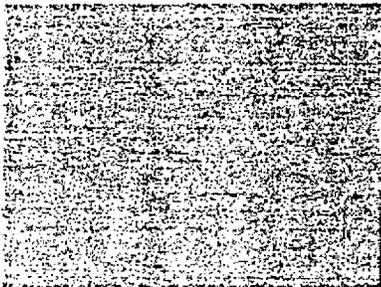
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At the March 18, 1999 meeting of the Missouri Ethics Commission, your request for an opinion was discussed. The following is the Commission's response to your question:

Is there a violation of the conflict of interest laws contained in Chapter 105 for St. Louis Comprehensive Health Services to lease a clinic location owned in part by a state representative?

The Commission stated that there is no conflict of interest or violation of sections 105.452 or 105.456, RSMo on the part of the elected official when, as in the case you describe, a not-for-profit corporation enters into a lease agreement with a corporation and the corporation is partially owned by the elected official.

Sincerely,

Charles G. Lamb, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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NOTICE

Anyone examining this advisory opinion should be careful to note that an opinion of the Missouri Ethics Commission deals only with the specific request to which the opinion responded and only as to the law as it existed at the date of the response and cannot be relied upon for any other purpose or in any other manner.



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Dear Ms. Montgomery:

I am writing in response to your letter of January 22, 1999. The Commission always seeks to have questions be as succinct as possible. Is your question, "Is it a violation of the conflict of interest laws contained in Chapter 105 for St. Louis Comprehensive Health Services to lease a clinic location from a corporation owned in part by a state representative?" Your client, Comprehensive Health Services, receives funding through a contract with the Department of Mental Health. This contract is let according to bid specifications written by the Department of Mental Health. If this is your question, please confirm with a letter.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Reid
Director of Compliance

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