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Dear [REDACTED]

Pursuant to your request, the Board of Ethics has reviewed Chapter 9.1 of the Municipal Code of Chicago which created the Commission for Health Planning and Resource Development to determine whether the Commission can be classified as an "advisory agency" in accordance with Section 26.2-15 of the Ethics Ordinance. Section 26.2-15 of the Ethics Ordinance states that appointed officials who serve in an agency that is "solely advisory in nature" are not required to file an annual Statement of Financial Interests.

For an agency to be classified as "solely advisory in nature", it cannot have any authority to make binding decisions, enter into contracts or make expenditures other than those incurred for research purposes.

Section 9.1-2 (c) of the Municipal Code of Chicago states that the Commission has the responsibility for approving all "contracts made and entered into by the Commission". Similarly, Section 9.1-6 states that the "Commission may employ consultants and may contract with entities and individuals to aid in the performance of its functions." Since the Commission for Health Planning and Resource Development maintains the authority, by virtue of its enabling Ordinance, to enter into contracts with other entities, it cannot be classified as an agency which is solely advisory in nature. Accordingly, the Board of Ethics hereby informs you that each member of the Chicago Commission for Health Planning and Resources Development is required to file a Statement of Financial Interests



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in accordance with Article 2 of the Governmental Ethics Ordinance.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Board at 744-9660.

Sincerely,


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