

2019 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Tamara Currin

FINDING(S)

- 1. Tamara Currin failed to timely register for one employer.**
- 2. Tamara Currin failed to complete the required lobbyist training.**

EMPLOYER(S)

- March of Dimes

REGISTRATION(S)

Tamara Currin registered as a lobbyist for one employer during 2019. Based on the audit documentation, Tamara Currin failed to timely register the lobbying relationship with the employer. Based on the records provided, Tamara Currin and the employer, March of Dimes, had a registered lobbying relationship in 2018 which was continued into 2019. Therefore, Tamara Currin was required to register by January 8, 2019 to be within the seven days required by statute. The lobbyist did not register until January 18, 2019, 10 days late.

Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Tamara Currin paid all registration fees.

LOBBYING AGREEMENT(S)

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided, Tamara Currin is the Director of Maternal Child Health and Government Affairs for the March of Dimes and was assigned duties which included lobbying in Tennessee during 2019. The employer had no employment contract with the lobbyist employee. However, per statements of the lobbyist, the employer of the lobbyist, and review of the lobbyist's job description, it appears the terms of employment were within the statutes for lobbying activities, including having no terms for contingency payments based on lobbying success.

FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Tamara Currin reported no business or familial relationships with persons who were officials in the legislative branch or officials in the executive branch.

TRAINING

According to the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Tamara Currin did not complete the required lobbyist training for the 2019 registration year. T.C.A. § 3-6-114(b) requires each registered lobbyist to complete an annual training course. When a lobbyist completes the training online, the system records the training on the web-based system. If the lobbyist attends the legislative ethics training, their name is recorded at the training event and then administratively entered into the system records. Based on the review of the system records, Tamara Currin did not complete the training online or by attendance during 2019. The

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