

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Robert/FOIA</i>	DATE <i>1-7-13</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY		ACTION REQUESTED	
1. LOG NUMBER <i>100209</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____		
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>CC: COS Cox Cleared 1/28/13, letter attached</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE <i>1-23-13</i> <input type="checkbox"/> I Necessary Action		

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Marie Brown

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From: Byron Roberts
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2013 1:29 PM
To: Marie Brown
Cc: Rick Hepfer
Subject: FW: Michelle Abney and AT Services
Importance: High

Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Marie,

Please print this up and process through Brenda as a FOIA.

Thanks.

Byron

From: Patricia L Harrison [mailto:plh.col@att.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2013 5:13 AM
To: Rick Hepfer; Byron Roberts
Subject: Michelle Abney and AT Services
Importance: High

Rick and Byron, on December 31, 2010, Kathi Lacy sent a memo to three CEO's regarding ADHC and specialized medical equipment/AT. She referred to two memos sent to service coordinators by Jacob Chorey and Michelle Abney. I have the memo sent by Chorey, but I am requesting, pursuant to FOIA, the memo Ms. Abney sent.

I am also requesting all emails/reports/memos/correspondence to or from Kathi Lacy between October 1, 2010 and July 1, 2011 which refer to either ADHC services or to AT, assistive technology or specialized medical equipment.

Also, please provide copies of all memos (1) to/from Jacob Chorey and (2) to/from Michelle Abney related to AT, assistive technology or specialized medical equipment. This request includes any email or other correspondence/reports/memos related to speech devices.

Please also send copies of any communications between Jacob Chorey and anyone at the Office of Appeals and Hearings for the dates June 1, 2009 and the present.

I am also requesting copies of all correspondence/emails/reports/memos sent to or from Judy Johnson that are in the possession, custody or control of DDSN for the dates June 1, 2009 to the present.

If you have any questions about this FOIA request, please advise. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Trisha Harrison
611 Holly Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29205
803 256 2017

TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT: Cost of Processing FOIA Request #

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has received and processed your FOIA request. The cost for processing this information is as follows:

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South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8297
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8297

Please contact _____ should you have any questions.

Signature _____

Date: _____

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January 28, 2013

Patricia L. Harrison
Attorney at Law
611 Holly Street
Columbia, SC 29205

Re: FOIA Request

Dear Ms. Harrison:

This is in partial response to your Freedom of Information Request sent by e-mail on January 7, 2013.

As to paragraph #1, we are not able to identify the memo you are referencing from your description and suggest that you contact the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN), the originator of the memo.

As to paragraph #2 and #3 we have asked the most likely recipients of such correspondence to search their files, and the results are enclosed as tab A. If you like, we will continue the search by asking our IT Department to conduct an agency-wide sweep of e-mails and ask all employees to search their files.

As to paragraph #4, we have asked the Appeals Division to search their files and the results (from appeals and from others involved in hearings) are enclosed as tab B. Since this is a very specific request, we have already requested a search of the files of Hearing Officers no longer employed and will supplement with that information when it is received.

As to paragraph #5, after an unproductive search by likely recipients it appears that information also should be obtained from the DDSN.

Our expense for extracting and reproducing the enclosed information is fifty and ninety two hundredths dollars (\$50.92). The documents are true and correct copies of information kept in the regular course of the Department's business. Please make the check payable to the Department of Health and Human Services and send it to:

Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Receivables
Post Office Box 8297
Columbia, SC 29202-8297

We will be supplementing these enclosures with the appeals sweep, if any additional documents are found. Let us know about the expanded sweep. We estimate that the cost would be in the \$200 range. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if we have misunderstood your request. My direct is 898-2791.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Hepfer
Deputy General Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Lynette Wilson (w/o enclosure)