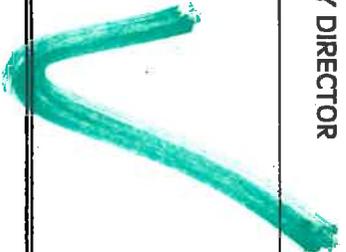


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From: "SUSAN BLUE" <BLUES@scsenate.org>
To: <KostBR@scdhs.gov>
Date: 7/16/2008 11:16:18 AM
Subject: Assistance Needed - Senator Vincent Sheheen's Camden, SC Constituent

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

Hello,

I spoke with one of Senator Sheheen's Camden, SC constituent's (Ms. Margaret Knight) this morning. Although she was not irrate, she was very emotional and was pleading for help. In summary, she is completely disabled as per her doctor. She has applied for disability and has been denied. She is now in the middle of an appeal. She has not worked in ten months and has no income (at all). I spoke with her for about ten minutes and she was in tears for the entire duration of our conversation - I felt awful for her. She is begging for someone, anyone, to help her obtain some relief from somewhere.

She has alleged that she has been trying to contact all of her legislators for weeks. I believe she IS a bit frustrated, as she started seeking assistance in Senator Leventis' office as well. I think Ms. Knight (unfortunately) has probably just been bounced around a bit.

In any event, if your office would please contact her and follow up with us on her status, I would greatly appreciate it - just hit "reply all" and that will keep everyone in the loop. The cell phone number Ms. Knight provided above belongs to a friend but please do leave a message for her should she not be available to speak when you call. She did mention that she had several medical related appointments today.

As always, thank you for your immediate attention and assistance in this endeavor.

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CC: Daniel Roberts <danieltroberts@hotmail.com>, <vsheheen@thesavagefirm.com>

From: Lena Girgis
To: Brenda James; Bryan Kost; Constituent Services
Date: 7/22/2008 9:19 am
Subject: Re: Sen. Sheheen - log 0035 I think

CC: Denise Epps
Sure. We'll un-log it. Thanks!

>>> Bryan Kost 07/22/08 9:03 AM >>>
I am fine with a verbal response. Denise will update Susan Blue.

Thanks, Denise!

Bryan Kost
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From: Lena Girgis
To: Bryan Kost; Denise Epps
Date: 7/22/2008 11:26 am
Subject: Re: Sen. Sheheen - log 0035 I think

CC: Brenda James; Jan Polatty; Jennifer Lynch
Thank you, Denise!

>>> Denise Epps 07/22/08 11:22 AM >>>
I have assisted Ms. Knight. She is 51 years old and was turned down for Medicaid and SSDI because she does not meet the definition of disability; however, she is appealing this decision. I mailed her our resource packet that includes pro bono legal aid assistance and my business card.

I updated Susan Blue by phone who told me she had already heard from Margaret Knight who called her after our phone conversation this a.m. (For the record, I had tried to reach Ms. Knight earlier but had to leave a message.) I told Susan our packet of resources also includes some other agency programs. Since information sent via email isn't secure across servers, Susan said she would update Sen. Sheheen and Daniel Roberts in the legislative delegation.

Thanks, y'all - closed.

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Thanks, Denise!

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