

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO	DATE
Singleton/FOIA	1-3-12

DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER 101241	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR cc: Stendland Mr. Heck Cland 1/24/12, letter attached.	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE 1-19-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
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Very truly yours,

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TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT: Cost of Processing Request for Information #

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

Staff processing time at \$10.00 per hour	_____ Hours	\$ _____
Pages copied at \$.10 per page	_____ Pages	\$ _____
Pages faxed at \$.20 per page	_____ Pages	\$ _____
Shipping and Handling Costs		\$ _____
Other costs associated with the FOIA request:	_____	\$ _____
Total Amount Due SCDHHS:		\$ _____

Please remit the above amount to the following address:

Bureau of Fiscal Affairs
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: _____

Log # 000241

January 24, 2012

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Re: 6th FOIA Regarding John E. Reese, DMD and Others

Dear Ms. Kirk:

We believe that no payments have been made to Dr. Beall during the time period set forth in your request.

After much discussion, as to Items #s 2 & 3 of your request, we would like to search only the e-mails of those employees in Program Integrity and Federal Contracts that would be most likely to have communicated with Dr. Beall and Ms. Steen. We believe that would capture all or virtually all of the communications relevant to your case. However, as with your past requests, it is possible that some would be missed.

We estimate the effort to run a comprehensive search would cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000. The cost of running the abbreviated search would be much less.

Let us know what you would like us to do about the additional information. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 898-2791.

Sincerely,


Richard G. Hepfer
Deputy General Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Bruce Carter, Office of General Counsel