

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

logged to Stenland on 9/21/11.

TO *Stenland*

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DATE *9-15-11*

DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED	
1. LOG NUMBER <i>001127</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____	
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Mr. Yeck, Depo, Stenland</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE <i>9-29-11</i>	
	<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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Brenda James - Request for SCDHHS data from The Nerve

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From: Amit Kumar <Amit@thenerve.org>
To: "Jeff Stensland (stensjef@scdhhs.gov)" <stensjef@scdhhs.gov>
Date: 09/14/2011 3:29 PM
Subject: Request for SCDHHS data from The Nerve

Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Jeff,

This is Amit Kumar, a reporter with The Nerve here in Columbia; we just spoke on the phone a few minutes ago. I am contacting you because I am currently working on a story reviewing South Carolina's Freedom of Information Act, reviewing how different state agencies respond to FOIA requests. I was wondering if you could give me some data on how the SC Department of Health and Human Services has responded to FOIA requests over the past year, on three points of information:

- 1) The number of FOIA requests that DHHS has received in the past year (from August 1, 2010, until August 31, 2011).
- 2) The cost of fees charged per each FOIA request that DHHS has received in the past year.
- 3) The number of business days that passed between the time each FOIA request was received by DHHS and the time the request was fulfilled, in the past year. This number would not be the number of days until a denial or acceptance that the FOIA request could be fulfilled by DHHS, but the number of days until all the requested data was actually given to the requester.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me to speak to me directly or if you have any questions. Thank you for your time.

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From: Jan Polatty
To: Brenda James
Date: 09/15/2011 3:10 PM
Subject: Fwd: Request for SCDHHS data from The Nerve - Log FOIA
Attachments: Request for SCDHHS data from The Nerve

>>> Jeff Stensland 9/15/2011 2:43 PM >>>
Let's log this as a FOIA.

Jeff Stensland
SC DHHS
(803) 898-2584

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Department of Health & Human Services
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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:

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: _____