

FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD

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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
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Dear Governor Haley,

On July 13, 2015, and July 14, 2015, the state office of the Foster Care Review Board received statements from two DSS employees alleging a breach of confidentiality by Spartanburg Board 7C and State Board member Monica Hill. The allegation involved a case that was reviewed by 7C on June 23, 2015. Pursuant to FCRB policy, our Staff Attorney, Lindsey McCallister, investigated the allegation and made a report to Michelle Dhunjishah, our Director and General Counsel. Ms. McCallister completed her investigation on August 17, 2015, and concluded that there was evidence of a breach of confidentiality. After reviewing the report submitted by Ms. McCallister, Ms. Dhunjishah notified me that she had determined that the allegation was founded. I then convened a meeting of the State Board on November 17, 2015, to review the facts of the complaint and to make a final determination as to the validity of the allegation. The State Board has determined that, while without malice on the part of Ms. Hill, a breach of confidentiality did occur in that Ms. Hill discussed specific case information with a person who was formerly a DSS employee, but who has no connection to the case.

Ms. Hill has been a board member on 7C for nine years, and she currently serves as Vice Chairperson of that board. She has also been a member of the State Board since 2009. Ms. Hill is a valuable asset to FCRB and a tireless advocate for the children of our state. However, pursuant to our policy, we are forwarding this information to you and to the Spartanburg Legislative Delegation. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information.

Sincerely,



Jo Hecker
Chairperson, Foster Care Review Board State Board of Directors



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