

From: Bryan Kost <kostbr@scdhhs.gov>  
To: Soura, ChristianChristianSoura@gov.sc.gov  
Date: 9/2/2014 3:38:50 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Interview request  
Attachments: image003.jpg  
image003 (1).jpg  
image003 (2).jpg  
image004.jpg  
image005.jpg  
image005 (1).jpg  
image005 (2).jpg  
image006.jpg

---

Governing magazine. Just FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Melanie Giese <GieseM@scdhhs.gov>  
Date: September 2, 2014 at 3:19:37 PM EDT  
To: Bryan Kost <kostbr@scdhhs.gov>, Colleen Mullis <Colleen.Mullis@scdhhs.gov>  
Cc: Monty Robertson <montrelle.robertson@scdhhs.gov>  
Subject: Fwd: Interview request

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Chris Kardish <ckardish@erepublic.com>  
Date: September 2, 2014 at 2:56:22 PM EDT  
To: Melanie Giese <GieseM@scdhhs.gov>  
Subject: RE: Interview request

Wanted to pass this along:

<http://www.governing.com/topics/health-human-services/gov-states-long-term-contraception-access.html>

Thanks!

Chris Kardish  
Staff Writer | GOVERNING  
1100 Connecticut Ave. NW #1300  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
202-862-1448 (office)  
504-723-9524 (cell)  
[ckardish@governing.com](mailto:ckardish@governing.com)  
Twitter: @CKardish

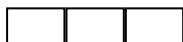
---

From: Melanie Giese [<mailto:GieseM@scdhhs.gov>]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 10:51 AM  
To: Chris Kardish  
Subject: Re: Interview request

803 898 2472 and everyone calls me BZ which actually stands for Babysister:). I never could shake it so gave up on Melanine!

---

BZ Giese BSN, RN  
*Director, SC Birth Outcomes Initiative*  
[GieseM@scdhhs.gov](mailto:GieseM@scdhhs.gov)  
803.898.2472  
cell: 803.429.0057  
[www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov)



*Healthy Connections* and the Healthy Connections logo are trademarks of South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and may be used only with permission from the Agency.

---

From: Chris Kardish <[ckardish@erepublic.com](mailto:ckardish@erepublic.com)>  
Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 10:46 AM  
To: Melanie Giese <[giesem@scdhhs.gov](mailto:giesem@scdhhs.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Interview request

That works. I imagine a half hour should be enough. Which number on your email signature should I call?

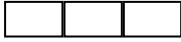
Chris Kardish  
Staff Writer | GOVERNING  
1100 Connecticut Ave. NW #1300  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
202-862-1448 (office)  
504-723-9524 (cell)  
[ckardish@governing.com](mailto:ckardish@governing.com)  
Twitter: @CKardish

---

From: Melanie Giese [<mailto:GieseM@scdhhs.gov>]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 10:14 AM  
To: Chris Kardish  
Cc: Colleen Mullis; Monty Robertson  
Subject: Re: Interview request

What about tomorrow, Thursday, 930-1030 EST? I will hold it until I hear back from you. BZ

BZ Giese BSN, RN  
*Director, SC Birth Outcomes Initiative*  
[GieseM@scdhhs.gov](mailto:GieseM@scdhhs.gov)  
803.898.2472  
cell: 803.429.0057  
[www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov)



*Healthy Connections* and the Healthy Connections logo are trademarks of South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and may be used only with permission from the Agency.

---

From: Chris Kardish <[ckardish@erepublic.com](mailto:ckardish@erepublic.com)>  
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 4:14 PM  
To: Melanie Giese <[giesem@scdhhs.gov](mailto:giesem@scdhhs.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Interview request

Great! Is there a window of time that works well for you? My availability is flexible at the moment.

Chris Kardish  
Staff Writer | GOVERNING  
1100 Connecticut Ave. NW #1300  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
202-862-1448 (office)  
504-723-9524 (cell)  
[ckardish@governing.com](mailto:ckardish@governing.com)  
Twitter: @CKardish

---

From: Melanie Giese [<mailto:GieseM@scdhhs.gov>]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 4:11 PM  
To: Chris Kardish  
Cc: Colleen Mullis; Monty Robertson  
Subject: Re: Interview request

Hi Chris  
I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you this week. Bz

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 26, 2014, at 4:04 PM, "Chris Kardish" <[ckardish@erepublic.com](mailto:ckardish@erepublic.com)> wrote:

Hi Melanie,

I'm Chris Kardish, a reporter with Governing magazine. We cover state and local policy out of D.C., in case you don't know us. I'm writing about state efforts to increase access to long-term contraception for low-income women and other reproductive health initiatives. I was hoping to speak with you about how South Carolina managed the reimbursement issues that hinder wider access in other Medicaid programs and some other specifics about the Birth Outcomes Initiative. Do you have some time to speak by phone in the next few days?

Take care,  
Chris

Chris Kardish  
Staff Writer | GOVERNING  
1100 Connecticut Ave. NW #1300  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
202-862-1448 (office)  
504-723-9524 (cell)  
[ckardish@governing.com](mailto:ckardish@governing.com)  
Twitter: @CKardish

### **Confidentiality Note**

This message is intended for the use of the person or entity to which it is addressed and may contain information, including health information, that is privileged, confidential, and the disclosure of which is governed by applicable law. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible to deliver it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this information is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.

If you have received this in error, please notify us immediately and destroy the related message.  
Confidentiality Note

This message is intended for the use of the person or entity to which it is addressed and may contain information, including health information, that is privileged, confidential, and the disclosure of which is governed by applicable law. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible to deliver it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this information is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.

If you have received this in error, please notify us immediately and destroy the related message.  
Confidentiality Note

This message is intended for the use of the person or entity to which it is addressed and may contain information, including health information, that is privileged, confidential, and the disclosure of which is governed by applicable law. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible to deliver it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this information is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.

If you have received this in error, please notify us immediately and destroy the related message.

### **Confidentiality Note**

This message is intended for the use of the person or entity to which it is addressed and may contain information, including health information, that is privileged, confidential, and the disclosure of which is governed by applicable law. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible to deliver it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any

dissemination, distribution or copying of this information is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

If you have received this in error, please notify us immediately and destroy the related message.