

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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TO	DATE
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From: Colleen Mullis
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2013 4:33 PM
To: Brenda James
Cc: Kim Cox
Subject: FW: FOIA request
Attachments: AP FOI request - DHHS 9-11-13.doc

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Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2013 4:29 PM
To: Office of Communications
Cc: Colleen Mullis
Subject: FOIA request

Please confirm that this has been received.

Thanks,

Seanna Adcox
The Associated Press
Columbia, SC

(803) 799-5510, office
(803) 767-8563, cell

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**1401 Shop Road, Columbia, S.C. 29201
(803) 799-5510**

Sept. 11, 2013

Colleen Mullis
Office of Communications
South Carolina Health and Human Services

Dear Ms. Mullis:

This is a request under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-10 (the "Act"). I am making this request in my capacity as a full-time journalist with The Associated Press.

Pursuant to the Act, I am requesting a copy of the personnel file of former DHHS employee Christopher Lykes Jr. This request includes, but is not limited to, any and all documents, notes, or emails, in whatever tangible or physical form, that relate to the requested records.

I would like to receive the information in electronic format. I note that under the Act, "records must be provided in a form that is both convenient and practical for use by the person requesting copies of the records concerned, if it is equally convenient for the public body to provide the records in this form. S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-30(b).

I ask that you waive any and all fees associated with this request pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-30(b). I am making the request as an AP reporter and this request is made as part of newsgathering. Release of the information will primarily benefit the general public because it will provide information on the work records of a former employee charged with stealing patients' data. If you deny this request for a fee waiver, please advise me in advance of the estimated charges if they are to exceed \$50. I remind you that the State must furnish documents "at the lowest possible cost to the person requesting the records" and that a public body may not collect fees exceeding the "actual cost of searching for or making copies of records." S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-30(b).

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As I am making this request as a journalist and the information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone (office: 803-799-5510; or cell: 803-767-8563; or by e-mail: sadcox@ap.org), rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request

I would appreciate your handling this request as quickly as possible, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT: Cost of Processing FOIA Request #

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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:



September 26, 2013

Ms. Seanna Adcox
The Associated Press
1401 Shop Road
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Ms. Adcox:

Your Freedom of Information Act request dated September 11, 2013 was referred to me for handling. You requested "a copy of the personnel file of former DHHS employee Christopher Lykes Jr."

As you may know, "information of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute unreasonable invasion of personal privacy" is exempt from disclosure under S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-40(a)(2). As to personnel records which contain evaluations, comments, health information, tax ID numbers, emergency contacts, etc., the General Assembly has specifically made some of that information available to the public in S.C. Code Ann. §§30-4-40(a)(6) (compensation or ranges of compensation), 30-4-40(a)(13) (certain employment application information) and 30-4-50(A)(1) (names, sex, race, title and dates of employment of all employees and officers of public bodies). Therefore, we have enclosed the information from Mr. Lykes' personnel records that the statutes allow. You will be able to track that information back to the statute by its composition. This information consists of:

- a) Mr. Lykes successful employment application redacted as allowed in the statute;
- b) Demographic information releasable under the statute;
- c) Mr. Lykes last salary range within the agency.

Our expense for assembling this information is Ten and Eighty Hundredths dollars (\$10.80). Please make the check payable to the Department of Health and Human Services and send it to:

Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Receivables
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Columbia, SC 29202-8297

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at the address below or at my direct line: (803) 898-2648.

Sincerely,


Vicki Johnson
Assistant General Counsel

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cc: Lynette Wilson

Enclosure

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