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The project is valuable and the integrity of your process avoids conflict of interest. I see no problem with continuation of the project and the use of the contractor.

Thank you, Richard



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Good afternoon Director Whitley,

We have been in contract with Megan Lucey Esq., for three years to help with our adoption backlog, sex trafficking issues and court processes to achieve permanency for children in the foster care system as a result of our federal mandates. Our Fiscal Department wants me to let you know that Mrs. Lucey's husband is Commissioner Bob Lucey. Although Commissioner Lucey will abstain from the vote, because the funds are released from your office, they are requesting additional clearance. Our Grants Department wants me to run this through you and seek approval. We have conducted an RFP in the past and have signed the conflict of interest forms, but they would like you to be aware of this and approve if you are willing. Worth noting, because of Mrs. Lucey's efforts, we have had two years of our highest adoption rates in Washoe County history and we utilize VOCA funds for her contract. Due to the pandemic, we reduced her contract to ensure other services stayed funded and we would also like to keep this momentum going for kids awaiting adoption. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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