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From: Royster, Deborah (DCOA)
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 5:27 PM
To: Whitney Wild
Subject: RE: FOIA Request- ABC 7 News/NewsChannel 8
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Whitney, as per our discussion by telephone today, the District of Columbia Office on Aging (DCOA) no longer provides oversight management for the Washington Center for Aging Services. In 2010, the Government of the District of Columbia leased the facility to Stoddard Baptist Home Foundation, Inc., and that entity is subject to regulation, inter alia, by the D.C. Department of Health and the D.C. Health Care Finance Administration. Accordingly, DCOA does not have in its possession the information requested in your request for information (copy attached).

As we discussed, please be advised that the D.C. Long Term Care Ombudsman Program also handles complaints and concerns related to nursing homes in the District of Columbia. Ms. Lynne Person is the D.C. Long Term Care Ombudsman and can be reached at 202-434-2140.

With this response, I will consider this matter closed. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance. Regards.
Deborah

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Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 9:49 AM
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Good morning Deborah,

I sent this request to Sam Gawad in late September. According to the dc.gov website, he is (or was at one point) the FOIA officer for the D.C. Office on Aging.

Can you help me find the following information? The request is attached to this email.

Thank you! Please call with any questions.

Best,
Whitney Wild

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FOIA REQUEST

Fee benefit requested
Fee waiver requested
Expedited processing requested

Dear Ms. Royster,

Pursuant to the D.C. Freedom of Information Act, I request access to and copies of the following documents:

- All documents that show a *potential* deficiency, violation, lack of compliance, or area for corrective action, pertaining to services provided by Stoddard Baptist Global Care between August 2010 and August 2013.
- All documents generated by Stoddard Baptist Global Care that justify the organization's services provided for the District of Columbia between August 2010 and August 2013.
- Documentation of the number of patients admitted to Washington Center for Aging Services in 2010, 2011 and 2012, and the average length of stay.
- All documents which justify patients' leaving the Washington Center for Aging Services either voluntarily or forcefully, between August 2010 and August 2013.
- All documents that show a report, review, investigation, audit, or complaint between August 2010 and August 2013 that Stoddard Baptist Global Care may have billed for a service or submitted an invoice for a service that was not actually provided.
- All complaints that allege a patient may have been injured between August 2010 and August 2013 at Washington Center for Aging Services.
- All documents that show the total budget for the District of Columbia Office on Aging each year from 2010 to the present, and any documents showing how much money was paid to Stoddard Baptist Global Care.

- All formal complaints and grievances against Stoddard Baptist Global Care between August 2010 and August 2013 and documents that show how those complaints or grievances were resolved.
- Any documents that show the number of employees -and their positions- at Washington Center for Aging Services in 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- Any complaints filed with the District of Columbia between August 2010 and August 2013 that allege Stoddard Baptist Care was late or never paid bills.

I would like to receive the information in electronic format wherever possible. As a representative of the news media **I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages.**

This information is being sought for dissemination to the general public. **Please waive any applicable fees.**

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you **justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act.** I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees. As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone or email, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency

I look forward to your reply within 15 business days, as the statute requires. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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