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Ann Frisch
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Office of the President Summary

The HHC Office of the Inspector General (OIG) received an allegation that Ann Frisch, as the Executive Director of Health and Home Care, had provided an endorsement to a vendor, which the vendor had posted on its public website.

OIG Report and Findings

This matter concerns a vendor that was selected pursuant to an RFP, and has been in contract with HHC's Health and Home Care since 2002. On or about September 11, 2014, an endorsement of this vendor by Ann Frisch was found on the vendor's website. It is not known when this statement was given to the vendor, other than it was given "several years prior" to Ms. Frisch being interviewed by the OIG and "well before Dr. Ross Wilson assumed the position of Executive (sic) Vice President for Medical and Professional Affairs" (which occurred in 2010). Ms. Frisch denied receiving anything of value in exchange for the endorsement. However, the OIG noted that e-mails revealed that Ms. Frisch had a close personal and social relationship with the vendor's CEO and that she invited him to a family wedding in 2009. The OIG concluded that the endorsement was in conflict with the proper discharge of Ms. Frisch's official duties.

Disposition by the Office of the President

In view of the fact that the OIG did not recommend any action against Ms. Frisch, and that Ms. Frisch announced her retirement before the report was issued, the President's office does not take any position with respect to the findings of the OIG.



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