

**BOARD OF ETHICS
OF THE
CITY OF NEW HAVEN**

**REQUEST FOR OPINION
No. 2022-3**

Name of Requester: _____ Mehul Dalal _____

Employment Title or Position of Requester: Community Services Administrator

Business Address: _165 Church Street, 2nd Floor New Haven CT____

Business Phone: _203-946-7909_____

Residence Address: 115 Linden Street, New Haven CT _____

Residence Phone: ___917-755-7864_____

Name and Title of Public Official or Municipal Employee whose conduct is at issue in this Request:

_____Mehul Dalal, Community Services Administration_____

Portion(s) of City Charter (Article XL) and/or Ethics in Government Ordinance you believe are at issue:

_____Sec. 12 5/8 – 5 – Conflict of Interest

The following information forms the basis for this Request (each item of information should reference the name, address and phone number of any individual who provided the particular item of information to you if it is not based on your firsthand knowledge:)

1. The requester is seeking clarification on whether it is permissible to hold a compensated position on the Board of Directors of a philanthropic foundation.
2. The requester has been invited to interview for a position on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Health Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation).
3. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut established in 1999 and is currently the largest health philanthropy foundation in Connecticut.

4. The Foundation’s mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of all Connecticut residents with a focus on improving health outcomes for people of color.
5. The City of New Haven is a recipient of funding provided by the Foundation. Most recently in 2020, a \$124,797.00 grant to incorporate Community Health Workers as part of COVID19 response. Although, not involved in day-to-day management, this grant fell under the authority of the requestor in his role as Community Services Administrator.
6. The most recent prior funding was in 200, awarded to the Board of Education.
7. It is not anticipated nor typical, for the City of New Haven to provide any funding or grants to the Foundation.
8. The requester will be compensated at a rate of \$250 per meeting. Additional compensation may be offered based on specifics and extent of participation.
9. The requester will not perform any board-related duties during City of New Haven work time.
10. The requester understands that participating on the board carries duties of care and loyalty to the Foundation as characteristic for non-profit boards. The requester will abide by the Foundation’s conflicts of interest and recusal policies.

All above statements reflect firsthand knowledge or understandings the requester has gained through conversations and correspondence with Ms. Tiffany Donelson, President and CEO of the Connecticut Health Foundation. Tel. 860-724-1580

(If more space is needed than provided above, use blank sheets of 8 ½” x 11” paper, and each such additional page shall (i) be captioned “CONTINUATION SHEET,” (ii) include the name of the Requester and the date of the Request in the upper left hand corner, and (iii) be signed by the Requestor.)

NOTICE OF PENALTY FOR FALSE STATEMENTS: This Request and the statements contained herein and in any Continuation Sheet are made subject to criminal penalty for the giving of intentional false statements, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Sec. 53a-157.

The information provided herein (and in any continuation sheet hereto) is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, recollection and belief.

Signature:  _____ Date: ____April 8th, 2022____

Print name: ____Mehul Dalal____