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Name of Agency or Office: Indiana Department of Health

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Name of Recipient: Kira Richardson

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ETHICS COMMISSION

Title of Recipient: Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Disease Epidemiologist

Brief Description of Item Solicited, Accepted, or Received and Approximate value of Item: Ms. Richardson will be serving on the Patient Advisory Council at Hendricks Regional Health. The Indiana Department of Health is requesting that Ms. Richardson be allowed to accept dinner served during the council meetings and provided by Hendricks Regional Health.

Date of Receipt: September 21, 2023 and in the future on a quarterly basis while serving on the council.

Name of Donor: Hendricks Regional Health, 8244 US Highway 36, Avon, IN 46123

Nature of Business Relationship with Agency: IDOH, through its Acute Care Division, issues a state hospital license to Hendricks Regional Health and it tasked with inspecting, monitoring and possible enforcement action through its licensing process. As an epidemiologist, Ms. Richardson's position with IDOH is in a separate division. She is not involved with hospital licensure or enforcement and will be serving on the council as a member of the public to share her experience as a patient and family member of a patient.

State Why Acceptance is in the Public Interest: Ms. Richardson has lived experience and expertise to share with this community organization (through the council) and the meal amounts to a de minimus benefit to ensure participation. The Department does not believe this presents a real or material conflict; however, out of an abundance of caution we submit this waiver to ensure transparency and Ms. Richardson's ability to fully participate in the council.

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Erin R. Elam
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