

# **Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interest:**

#### 1. Statement of Purpose

In our continuing effort to fulfill our organizational mission, Golden Valley Health Center (GVHC) is committed to high standards and compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. All Board members (officers and directors), employees, agents, and volunteers ("Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC*") are expected to meet high standards of professional behavior whenever acting on behalf of *GVHC*. This is true whether dealing with other employees, patients, providers, vendors, government regulators and/or the general public.

The purposes of these standards are to provide safeguards to prevent Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* from (1) using their positions for purposes that are, or give the appearance of being, motivated by a desire for private financial gain for themselves or others such as those with whom they have family, business or other ties; and (2) violating their duty to *GVHC* by inappropriately disclosing confidential information. Each Individual Affiliated with *GVHC* has a personal responsibility for becoming familiar with and complying with the laws, regulations, and policies and procedures related to his or her responsibilities.

#### Quality of Service

It is the duty of all personnel, to the extent applicable to each person's individual job functions and/or responsibilities within *GVHC*, to:

• Ensure the dignity and worth of all persons at all times by acting with professionalism and integrity and by providing proper respect and courtesy;

• Provide a uniform standard of care and conduct regardless of an individual's race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, or source of payment;

- Demonstrate a level of competence that meets the needs of participants;
- Represent fairly and accurately *GVHC* and its service capabilities;
- Protect the health and safety of participants, personnel, and all visitors;

• Communicate with openness, honesty and integrity through lawful and positive relationships with participants, designated representatives, family members, personnel, and regulatory agencies;

• Take action and not ignore a material deficiency or error, bringing it to the attention of those who can assess and/or address it;



• Strive continuously to perfect and enlarge professional knowledge and to make available this knowledge as may be required in accordance with the best professional judgment;

- Eschew any activity that may bring discredit to one's profession or to GVHC; and
- Allow clinical practice only by qualified individuals who are appropriately licensed.

#### 2. General Responsibilities

The Board of Directors of *GVHC* recognizes the paramount importance of maintaining *GVHC*'s reputation for integrity that includes, but is not limited to, assuring compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, as well as fulfilling contractual obligations.

Every Individual Affiliated with *GVHC* is responsible for ensuring that his or her conduct is consistent with these Standards of Conduct, *GVHC*'s Compliance Program (including, but not limited to, policies and procedures on preventing fraud, waste and abuse), *GVHC*'s policies and procedures, and generally accepted standards of professionalism, courtesy, and respect. Furthermore, Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* in supervisory positions must assume, and are charged with, responsibility for ensuring that the conduct of everyone they supervise complies with these Standards of Conduct.

All Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* are required to comply with this Standards of Conduct by signing and returning the acknowledgement attached to this document as Attachment A.

#### 3. Standards of Conduct<sup>1</sup>

In general, *GVHC* expects that all Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* will behave in a professional and courteous manner. In addition, these Standards of Conduct describe specific standards to which individuals are expected to adhere.

#### A. Confidentiality of Information

Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* may acquire confidential or proprietary information by virtue of their positions within, or affiliation with, *GVHC*. The term "confidential or proprietary information" shall mean any and all information (whether written, oral, or contained on audio tapes, video tapes or computer diskettes) relating to the governance, business, operation, and financial condition of *GVHC* and/or any of its vendors or collaboration partners, as well as any and all other information determined to be confidential. All information communicated at executive sessions or other closed sessions of the *GVHC* Board of Directors is confidential and proprietary information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Authors' note: Using the following sample as a guide, health centers should tailor the Corporate Compliance Plan to reflect their own structures and operations.



*GVHC*'s Board of Directors or its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) may determine that other information, including information shared in Board and/or committee meetings, is confidential or proprietary on a case-by-case basis.

Confidential or proprietary information may not be: (1) disclosed outside of *GVHC* without appropriate authorization from the CEO (or in the case of Board members, by the Board Chairperson in conjunction with the CEO); or (2) used for personal gain or for the benefit of a third-party. Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* are expected to exercise reasonable care to avoid the inadvertent disclosure of confidential information and, as applicable, will be bound by (and required to comply with) the confidentiality provisions contained in agreements executed between *GVHC* and other organizations and/or individuals, as well as *GVHC*'s internal confidentiality policies and procedures. Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* may be required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement and/or Business Associate Agreement, as appropriate, that specifically limits the context in which, and persons to whom, confidential information may be communicated. Members of the Board also have a fiduciary duty to not communicate confidential information about *GVHC* to anyone who is not also a member of the Board absent the explicit authorization of the full Board of Directors.

## **B.** Conflicts of Interest

## 1. General Prohibition

Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* must strive to make decisions fairly and objectively and always act in the best interests of *GVHC*, without regard to any personal pecuniary benefit or any benefit to a third-party, and with undivided allegiance. As *GVHC* is a Federal grantee under the Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS"), these standards for managing Conflicts of Interest are also necessary to comply with the Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements set forth at 2 CFR §200.318(c) and DHHS regulations found at 45 CFR §75.327(c). No Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* shall participate in *GVHC*'s selection, award, or administration of any contract or grant, paid in whole or in part with Federal funds, when a real or apparent Conflict of Interest (as defined below) is involved.

#### 2. Definitions

- a. *Interest*. A person has an "Interest" if he or she has, directly, or indirectly through a family member or business partner:
  - A business relationship (*e.g.*, an actual or forthcoming contractual or employment arrangement) with: (1) *GVHC*; (2) an entity with which *GVHC* has entered (or is negotiating to enter) a transaction or arrangement; or (3) an entity that is a competitor or potential competitor of *GVHC*;



- A financial relationship (*e.g.*, a controlling or material ownership, or investment interest, employment relationship or other relationship that a reasonable person would deem significant) with or a tangible personal benefit from: (1) an entity with which *GVHC* has entered (or is negotiating to enter) a transaction or arrangement; or (2) an entity that is a competitor or potential competitor of *GVHC*;
- A fiduciary relationship (*e.g.*, Board member or trustee) with: (1) an entity with which *GVHC* has entered (or is negotiating to enter) a transaction or arrangement; (2) an entity that is a competitor or potential competitor of *GVHC*; or
- A personal relationship with an individual who has a business, financial or fiduciary relationship as defined above. A personal relationship means a relationship based on family, business partnership, friendship or romance.

Any interest in a company through publicly-traded stocks, bonds or mutual funds available to the general public shall not constitute an Interest, provided the ownership or investment interest is less than one percent of the company's shares.

- b. *Conflict of Interest.* A "Conflict of Interest" arises whenever the Interest of a person competes with or has the potential to compete with the best interests of *GVHC.* A Conflict of Interest is presumed to exist if a person with an Interest is involved in any way in the transaction or arrangement in which he or she has such Interest.
- 3. Affirmative Disclosure Requirements

It is the policy of *GVHC* that all Interests shall be fully disclosed by any Individual Affiliated with *GVHC* regardless of whether a Conflict of Interest is determined to exist.

a. *Annual Disclosures. GVHC* requires that all Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* and persons seeking to affiliate with *GVHC* disclose in writing (and update at least annually): (1) all Interests that may create an actual or potential Conflict of Interest, and (2) where applicable, provide a statement suggesting how such Conflict of Interest could be avoided or mitigated. In order to facilitate such full disclosure, *GVHC* requires that all Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* and persons seeking to affiliate with *GVHC* annually complete the Disclosure Form attached as Attachment B. Completion of a Disclosure Form does not relieve individuals of the obligation to comply with these Standards of Conduct with regard to disclosure of Interests that may occur after the filing of the Disclosure Form (*e.g.*, with respect to a particular transaction).



- b. Supplemental Income. GVHC requires that all current employees of GVHC, as well as all potential employees, disclose in writing (and update at least annually) any specifics of any plans to accept supplemental income outside GVHC employment so that GVHC may determine whether such outside employment or consultancy conflicts, or has the potential or appearance to conflict, with the interests of GVHC. GVHC's prior approval of such outside employment or consultancy is required.
- c. *Continuing Obligation. GVHC* requires that all Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* and persons seeking to affiliate with *GVHC* disclose Interests that arise after the annual filing of the Disclosure Form.
- d. Recipients of Disclosures.
  - 1) Members of, and candidates for membership on, the Board of Directors shall make disclosures to the Chair of the Board of Directors. If the Chair has such an Interest, he or she must make disclosures to the Vice Chair, who will, in turn, be responsible for advising the Board.
  - 2) The CEO shall make disclosures to the Chair of the Board who will be responsible for advising the Board of such disclosure.
  - 3) All other Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* shall make disclosures in writing to the CEO.
- 4. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

In the case of a potentially conflicted person who is either a Board member or the CEO, that person may make a presentation to the Board regarding whether he or she has a Conflict of Interest and may respond to related questions from the Board. However, after such presentation, he or she shall leave the meeting during any discussion of, or vote on, whether a Conflict of Interest exists, and if such Conflict of Interest is determined by the Board to exist, he or she shall leave the meeting during any discussion of, and voting on, the transaction or arrangement that involves the Conflict of Interest. For all other potentially conflicted persons who are Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC*, the CEO shall determine whether a Conflict of Interest exists.

- 5. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest
  - a. *Procurement*. If the Conflict of Interest involves procurement by *GVHC*, the process shall be conducted in accordance with Section III(C) of these Standards of Conduct and *GVHC*'s Board-approved [*Procurement Policy*].
  - b. *Alternative Arrangements*. In other instances, the Board shall, as it may deem appropriate, appoint the CEO to investigate alternatives to the proposed



transaction or arrangement and make recommendations. After exercising due diligence, the Board or, in the case of Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* who are not Board members or the CEO, the CEO shall determine whether *GVHC* can obtain an equivalent (or more advantageous) transaction or arrangement with reasonable efforts from a person or entity that would not give rise to a Conflict of Interest.

- c. *GVHC's Best Interests.* If an alternative transaction or arrangement is not reasonably attainable under circumstances that would not give rise to a Conflict of Interest, the Board or CEO, as applicable, shall determine (if Board, then by a majority vote of the disinterested Board members) whether, notwithstanding the Conflict of Interest, the transaction or arrangement is in *GVHC*'s best interest, for its own benefit and whether the transaction is fair and reasonable to *GVHC* such that it would constitute an "arms-length" transaction (and be consistent with 45 CFR Part 75 standards, as may be amended from time to time).
- d. *Pervasive Conflicts of Interest.* In circumstances where there are material continuing or pervasive Conflicts of Interest, an individual may be required by the Board of *GVHC* or the CEO, as applicable, to withdraw from his or her position with *GVHC* unless the individual, family member or business associate chooses to disassociate from the outside position that causes the Conflict of Interest.
- 6. Violations of the Standards of Managing Conflicts of Interest

If the Board or CEO, as applicable, has reasonable cause to believe that a person has failed to disclose an Interest, the person shall be informed of the basis for such belief and afforded an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose. If, after hearing the response of the individual who failed to disclose an Interest, and making such further investigation as may be warranted in the circumstances, the Board or CEO determines that the individual has in fact failed to disclose an Interest in accordance with these Standards of Conduct, appropriate corrective and/or disciplinary action shall be taken, including removal of the individual from the selection, negotiation, or administration of any contracts or grants to which *GVHC* is a party, and/or admonishment or removal from the Board in accordance with the then current *GVHC* Bylaws.

7. <u>Records of Proceedings</u>

The minutes of the Board and all committees with Board-delegated powers and those records as determined by the CEO shall contain:

a. *Conflicts of Interest.* The names of the people who disclosed or otherwise were found to have an Interest in connection with an actual or potential Conflict of Interest and the nature of the Interest; any action taken to determine whether a



Conflict of Interest was present; and the Board or CEO's decision, as applicable, as to whether a Conflict of Interest in fact existed.

b. *Management of Conflicts*. For transactions where a Conflict of Interest has been disclosed or otherwise found to exist, the names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, and the names of the persons who recused themselves; the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement or *GVHC*'s best interest; and a record of any votes taken in connection therewith.

## C. Gifts

No Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* may solicit or accept gifts, gratuities, favors or anything of value from any current or potential patient, vendor or contractor of *GVHC*, or any current or potential party to a sub-agreement with *GVHC*. Every Individual Affiliated with *GVHC* will decline or return any gift and notify the CEO of such gift.

A "gift "is defined as anything of value offered directly by or on behalf of an actual or potential patient, vendor or contractor, except for promotional materials of little or nominal value such as pens, calendars, mugs, and other items intended for wide distribution and not easily resold. Gifts include (but are not limited to): personal gifts, such as sporting goods, household furnishings and liquor; social entertainment or tickets to sporting events; personal loans or privileges to obtain discounted merchandise, and the like.

#### **D.** Bribery

*GVHC* will immediately dismiss, remove and, as applicable, terminate the employment or contract of any Individual Affiliated with *GVHC* who offered or accepted a bribe to secure funding or other benefits for or from *GVHC*.

#### E. Cooperation and Honest Dealing with Government Officials

No Individual Affiliated with *GVHC* will attempt to improperly influence actions or decisions made by government bodies, officials, employees, or contractors, unless specifically authorized to do so consistent with applicable *GVHC* policy.

Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* will be cooperative and truthful in their dealings with any governmental inquiries or requests, including audits, surveys, and certification reviews. However, Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* who are not authorized to speak on behalf of *GVHC* will not respond to any governmental inquiries or requests, including audits, surveys, and certification reviews, and will promptly report any such inquiries or requests to *GVHC*'s CEO, Compliance Officer or other member of senior management.

#### F. Political Activities



Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* will not participate or intervene in any political campaign in support of or in opposition to any candidate for elected public office while at work during business hours or when acting in his/her official capacity / position as an Individual Affiliated with *GVHC*. A political campaign is deemed to begin when an individual announces his or her candidacy for an elective public office, or is proposed by others for an elective public office. Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* may not use *GVHC*'s name, logo (or other means of identification as affiliated with *GVHC*), facility or any resources in connection with political campaign activities.

## G. Lobbying

Lobbying is generally defined as a communication (written or oral) that is an attempt to influence (for or against) specific legislation including appropriations. Any lobbying activities proposed to be undertaken by *GVHC* or by any Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* on behalf of *GVHC* shall require the prior approval of the CEO. Any Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* undertaking lobbying activities will work with the CEO, or his or her designee, to ensure that such activities are supported by non-Federal resources and that all disclosures and reporting of lobbying activities required by State or Federal law are submitted in a timely manner.

#### H. Vendors and Procurement Standards

*GVHC* will conduct all procurement transactions in a manner to provide, to the maximum extent possible, practical, open, and free competition, in accordance with *GVHC*'s Board-approved [*Procurement Policy*]. Said [*Procurement Policy*] will address, among other things, the following principles:

- No Individual Affiliated with *GVHC* may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by Federal funds, in whole or in part, if a real or apparent Conflict of Interest (as defined in Section III.B above) would be involved.
- *GVHC* will be sensitive to, and seek to avoid, Organizational Conflicts of Interest. Organizational Conflicts of Interest mean that because of relationships with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization, *GVHC* is unable or appears to be unable to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving a related organization.<sup>2</sup> *GVHC* avoids and mitigates Organizational Conflicts of Interest in the following manner:
  - In planning and conducting procurements, no parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization will be permitted access to non-public information related to the procurement transaction. To the extent that such non-public information is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The concept of "organizational conflicts of interest" was added by the Super-Circular, which does not define the term with any specificity.



already in possession of the parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary, such nonpublic information will be (to the extent not otherwise commercially sensitive) incorporated into the solicitation.

- In evaluating offers and awarding contracts, *GVHC* will not give preferential consideration to any parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization.
- In the event that an Organizational Conflict of Interest, including the appearance of impropriety, cannot be sufficiently mitigated through the above methods, the parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization may be barred from competing.
- *GVHC* will be sensitive to, and seek to avoid, non-competitive practices among contractors. In order to ensure objective contractor performance and eliminate unfair competitive advantage, contractors/consultants that develop or draft grant applications, or contract specifications, requirements, statements of work, invitations for bids and/or requests for proposals shall be excluded from competing for such procurements.
- Awards will be made to the bidder whose bid is responsive to the applicable solicitation and most advantageous to *GVHC*, in terms of price, quality, and other factors as defined by *GVHC* in such solicitation. *GVHC* will retain the right to reject any and all bids or offers when it is in *GVHC*'s interest to do so. *GVHC* retains the right to determine, with respect to any particular procurement, that a sole source procurement is justified

#### I. Nepotism

Except under extenuating circumstances, as determined by the CEO, *GVHC* will not hire any individual (or assign, transfer or promote a current employee) who is related to one of its employees or contractors, if in the position being applied for (or assigned, transferred or promoted to), the applicant will supervise, be supervised by, or have a direct reporting relationship with the related employee or contractor. Every applicant for employment or consultancy with *GVHC* must disclose any and all family, business and personal relationships with an Individual Affiliated with *GVHC*. No current *GVHC* Board member will be an employee of *GVHC* or an immediate family member (i.e., spouse, child, parent, brother or sister by blood, adoption, or marriage) of an employee. Notwithstanding, the CEO may serve only as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the *GVHC* Board.

#### J. Detecting and Preventing Fraud Waste and Abuse and Other Misconduct

*GVHC* is committed to detecting and preventing fraud, waste and abuse in the Medicare, Medicaid or other governmental programs as well as other misconduct. Federal and state laws prohibit the submission of false claims for payment under the Medicare, Medicaid



or other governmental programs and require the return of overpayments within 60 days or discovery of the overpayment.

*GVHC* has adopted a corporate compliance program to ensure that all personnel comply with the legal requirements that affect our organization.

Personnel who are aware of any suspected violation of law or policy must report the problem to his/her manager, the Compliance Officer, a member of the Compliance Committee, or using the Compliance Reporting System. Complaints/reports submitted to the compliance reporting system, which can be accessed in two (2) ways: Phone: 1-866-818-6185 (Information retrieved from the voice message will be transferred to a Incident Reporting System (IRS) for Log and tracking purposes); or Intranet Web Portal: Incident Reporting System (IRS).

Contractors, including First Tier, Downstream or Related Entities ("FDRs"), and their employees should report actual or suspected wrongdoing to the Compliance Officer. It is everyone's responsibility to report Standards of Conduct violations and suspected non-compliance.

Any reports will be treated confidentially, and we will not tolerate any form of retribution against anyone who makes a report. We will investigate all reports made and take appropriate action to correct any problems.

Any individual found in violation of legal requirements or our policy may be subject to discipline.

Once the appropriate approvals are obtained for any policy, the documents are sent to the authorized policy manager to publish approved documents in GVHC's electronic document management system (Intranet: PolicyTech) where personnel can access policies.

#### 4. Your Role in the Adhering to the Standards of Conduct

Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* are expected to comply with *GVHC*'s Standards of Conduct, and its policies and procedures and are <u>required</u> to promptly report concerns regarding compliance with said Standards of Conduct, and its policies and procedures or other laws, regulations or policies.

Reporting potential non-compliance and participating in *GVHC*'s compliance activities are elements of the job performance of each Individual Affiliated with *GVHC* and is a service to *GVHC*. Reports should normally be made initially through standard management channels, beginning with an immediate supervisor. As an alternative, Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* may make such reports directly to the Compliance Officer. For Board members, reports should be made directly to the Compliance Officer. All reports may be made confidentially and even anonymously. *GVHC* will make every effort to treat all reports



confidentially; however, under some circumstances, the identity of the reporting individual may need to be disclosed as part of *GVHC*'s appropriate response to allegations of non-compliance. Individuals Affiliated with *GVHC* are expected to cooperate fully in the investigation of any potential non-compliance.

Any Individual Affiliated with *GVHC* who reports a compliance concern in good faith is protected by law from retaliation. Any Individual Affiliated with *GVHC* who retaliates against another Individual Affiliated with *GVHC* for his or her reporting of potential non-compliance or his or her participation in addressing potential non-compliance is subject to discipline. Additionally, any Individual Affiliated with *GVHC* who makes intentionally false accusations regarding a compliance concern is subject to discipline.

Depending on the severity of the violation, violations of these Standards of Conduct may result in the following: (1) for employees, agents and volunteers – oral admonishment, written reprimand, reassignment, demotion, suspension, and/or separation, in addition to legal penalties which might apply; and (2) for officers and members of the Board of Directors – oral admonishment or removal from the Board.

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Revised	The table below outlines the changes made to this document	
	Date	Description of Change(s)
	1/26/2010	New Document "Standards of Conduct",
		approved by the Corp. Compliance
		Committee
	NA	"Code of Conduct", Author John
		Fredenburg
	2/4/2020	Both documents combined or distributed
		amongst other policies and update with
		current compliance information DRM
	9/25/20	Update with FWA documentation

# **About This Document**



# ATTACHMENT A

## CERTIFICATION OF COMMITMENT TO COMPLY WITH STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

I hereby acknowledge and certify that I have received and reviewed a copy of the Standards of Conduct of *Health Center* and I understand that it represents a mandatory policy of *Health Center*.

By signing this form below, I agree to abide by these Standards of Conduct during the term of my Board membership, employment, contract, or agency or while otherwise authorized to serve on *Health Center*'s behalf. In addition, I acknowledge that I have a duty to report any suspected or known violation of the Standards of Conduct or any *Health Center* policy or procedure to my supervisor or through the normal chain of command (or in the case of Board members, to the Board Chair). I acknowledge that I may also report the information directly to the Compliance Officer or any other member of senior management.

*Please return this completed, signed Certification of Commitment to the Board Chair or Compliance Officer, as applicable.* 

Date

Signature

Printed Name

Title/Position with *Health Center* 



# EXHIBIT B

## DISCLOSURE INTERESTS THAT CREATE A POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

As a Board member, officer, employee, agent or volunteer of *Health Center*, I hereby certify that I understand that *Health Center* is a tax-exempt entity and must therefore strictly comply with the standards of the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). I will take reasonable measures to identify and avoid potential conflicts of interest in my relationship with *Health Center* and in carrying out my duties on behalf of *Health Center*. I will comply with *Health Center*'s compliance program and its related policies and procedures, such as those polices that relate to *Health Center*'s tax-exempt status, corporate and financial responsibility, conflicts of interest, and best business practices, policies and others related to the business of *Health Center*.

I understand that I owe certain duties to *Health Center* including, but not limited to, a duty of loyalty to *Health Center*. I understand that one aspect of fulfilling my duties to *Health Center* is to avoid actual or potential Conflicts of Interest where my allegiance might be divided, or appear to be divided, between a position of responsibility to *Health Center*, and another professional, personal, business or volunteer position or responsibility.

To help avoid actual or potential Conflicts of Interest, I am disclosing other responsibilities and affiliations that may create or appear to create a Conflict of Interest with regard to my duties to *Health Center* and I agree to further disclose any such actual or potential Conflicts of Interest that may arise after I complete this form. I invite any further inquiry by *Health Center* that it deems appropriate.

#### AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE:

I have read *Health Center*'s Standards of Conduct and agree to comply with its terms relating to Conflicts of Interest. I understand the definition of Interests in the Standards of Conduct and agree to supplement this Disclosure Form in the event that additional Interests arise. Further, I understand that a violation of these standards may, depending on the severity of the violation, subject me to oral admonishment, written reprimand, reassignment, demotion, suspension, and/or dismissal, in addition to legal penalties which might apply.

- 1. Disclosure of business relationships (*e.g.*, an actual or forthcoming compensation arrangement either by contract or employment) with: (1) *Health Center*; (2) an entity with which *Health Center* has entered (or is negotiating to enter) a transaction or arrangement; or (3) an entity that is a competitor or potential competitor of *Health Center*:
- 2. Disclosure of financial relationships (*e.g.*, a controlling ownership, investment interest, employment relationship or other relationship that a reasonable person would deem to



be significant) with or tangible personal benefits from : (1) an entity with which *Health Center* has entered (or is negotiating to enter) a transaction or arrangement; or (2) an entity that is a competitor or potential competitor of *Health Center*:

- 3. Disclosure of fiduciary relationships (*e.g.*, Board member or trustee) with: (1) an entity with which *Health Center* has entered (or is negotiating to enter) a transaction or arrangement; (2) an entity that is a competitor or potential competitor of *Health Center*:
- 4. Disclosure of personal relationships with an individual who has a business, financial or fiduciary relationship:
- 5. BOARD MEMBERS: I warrant that I am not an employee of *Health Center* and that no member of my family (including my spouse or child, parent, brother or sister by blood, adoption or marriage) is an employee of *Health Center*. I agree to notify the Board if I, or any member of my family, becomes an employee of *Health Center*. (initial here): \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Disclosure of any supplementary income:
- 7. Suggested means of mitigating any of the situations identified in Items 1 through 5 above:
- 8. I know of no professional, business or volunteer position or responsibility, including vendor situations, that might give rise to an actual or apparent Conflict of Interest or otherwise impair my ability to make decisions in the best interests of *Health Center* (initial here): \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. I warrant that I am not debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from participation in any state or federally funded programs. I agree to notify the Board and/or CEO, as applicable, if I become debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from participating in any state or federally funded programs. (initial here):

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title/Position with *Health Center*