

2020 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Debra Maggart

FINDING(S)

- 1. Debra Maggart failed to timely register for six employers.**

EMPLOYER(S)

- Anthem, Inc. and Its Affiliates including Amerigroup Tennessee, Inc. dba Amerigroup Community Care
- City of Chattanooga
- DisposeRX
- Farm Credit Mid-America FLCA/PCA/ACA
- LCE-Life Changing Experiences Ltd.
- MicroVote General Corporation
- Noble Education Inc.
- Teladoc Health, Inc.

REGISTRATION(S)

Debra Maggart works for a firm which contracts to provide lobbying services for several clients. Debra Maggart registered as a lobbyist for eight employers during 2020. Based on the audit documentation, Debra Maggart timely registered lobbying relationships for one employer. six relationships appear to have been registered late. The remaining registered relationship was with DisposeRX based on the information provided the lobbyist and employer were registered but no lobbying relationship occurred in 2020 related to activity in Tennessee. As such the registrations were not required and therefore timeliness of the registration is not required. The relationship was still included in the audit report as the lobbyist and employer did not withdrawal the registration, however, no non-compliance was noted for this employer. The details of the six late registrations and one relationship not proper supported are in the subsequent paragraphs.

Anthem, Inc. and Its Affiliates including Amerigroup Tennessee, Inc. dba Amerigroup Community Care

The firm contracted with Anthem, Inc. and its affiliates, including Amerigroup Tennessee Inc. dba Amerigroup Community Care for lobbying services for 2020. The client was also a client of the firm in 2020. The contract for 2020 appears to be a continuing lobbying relationship from the prior year, which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by January 8, 2020. Debra Maggart appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement. Debra Maggart registered for the client on January 16, 2020, 8 days late.

City of Chattanooga

The firm contracted with the City of Chattanooga for lobbying services for 2020. The client was also a client of the firm in 2020. The contract for 2020 appears to be a continuing lobbying relationship from the prior year, which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by January 8, 2020. Debra Maggart appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement. Debra Maggart registered for the client on January 16, 2020, 8 days late.

Farm Credit Mid-America FLCA/PCA/ACA

The firm contracted with Farm Credit Mid-America FLCA/PCA/ACA for lobbying services for 2020. The client was also a client of the firm in 2020. The contract for 2020 appears to be a continuing lobbying relationship from the prior year, which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by January 8, 2020. Debra Maggart appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement. Debra Maggart registered for the client on January 16, 2020, 8 days late.

LCE-Life Changing Experiences Ltd

The firm contracted with LCE-Life Changing Experiences Ltd. for lobbying services for 2020. The contract for 2020 appears to establish a lobbying relationship at the commencement of the 2020 year., which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by January 8, 2020. Debra Maggart appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement. Debra Maggart registered for the client on February 12, 2020, 35 days late.

MicroVote General Corporation

The firm contracted with MicroVote General Corporation for lobbying services for 2020. The client was also a client of the firm in 2020. The contract for 2020 appears to be a continuing lobbying relationship from the prior year, which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by January 8, 2020. Debra Maggart appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement. Debra Maggart registered for the client on January 16, 2020, 8 days late.

Noble Education Inc.

The firm contracted with Noble Education Inc. for lobbying services for 2020. The client was also a client of the firm in 2020. The contract for 2020 appears to be a continuing lobbying relationship from the prior year, which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by January 8, 2020. Debra Maggart appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement. Debra Maggart registered for the client on January 16, 2020, 8 days late.

Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Debra Maggart paid all registration fees

LOBBYING AGREEMENT(S)

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided, Debra Maggart was a contracted lobbyist employed by a firm. The firm had a written contracts or letter of understanding with each employer who were provided services in 2020. The terms of the contracts provided appear to be within the statutes for lobbying activities, including having no terms for contingency payments based on lobbying success.

FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Debra Maggart reported no business or familial relationships with persons who were officials in the legislative branch or officials in the executive branch.

TRAINING

Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Debra Maggart completed required lobbyist training for the 2020 registration year and paid all training fees.