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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Heart N Soul Hospice Memphis  
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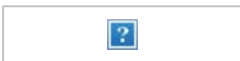
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Heart and Soul Hospice was not aware of the Settlement Agreement you sent regarding The New Hope Foundation, Inc. (the "NHF"). It has since confirmed that the Dr. Andre Lee who was a board member of the NHF at the time of the Settlement Agreement is the same Dr. Andre Lee that is a 10% owner of its entities. However, it has also learned that Dr. Lee was not a Board member of the NHF during the time period of the conduct that is the subject of the Settlement Agreement. Dr. Lee did not join the board of the NHF until 2019, shortly before the execution of the Settlement Agreement. He was not told about any issues with the NHF at the time he agreed to be a board member, nor was there a Board meeting at which anything was disclosed. To the best of his recollection, he was a board member for only a few months and the first time he was made aware of the conduct was when he was required to sign the Settlement Agreement. Had he known of the conduct and the ongoing investigation, he would not have agreed to be a board member.



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Kim,

Can you please confirm whether the Dr. Andre Lee involved in this attached settlement agreement is the same individual listed as a (10%) co-owner of Heart N Soul Hospice Memphis, and Heart and Soul Hospice, LLC? Please respond by COB Friday.

Sincerely,



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