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Re: Ethics and Political Activity Policies

Greetings! I would like to introduce myself as the new DSS Ethics Liaison. The Ethics Liaison is responsible for coordinating with the Office of State Ethics to develop and implement agency ethics policies. Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-101rr(b). In fulfilling this role, I will be available to address any questions or concerns you may have arising under the Code of Ethics for Public Officials (“Code”) (Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1-79 through 1-90a) and other related ethical guidelines and rules of conduct. I am happy to provide assistance with important ethical issues, including but not limited to outside employment, acceptance of gifts, and conflicts of interest.

While there is no substitute for familiarizing yourself with the entire Code, please review the attached ethics policy, which highlights select provisions of the Code that are utilized frequently. The policy also notes other ethical rules that may apply to certain professional classifications and occasionally overlap with the rules found in the Code. I hope the policy will be a helpful reminder to you of important ethical issues that we all may encounter as public employees.

Additionally, I have included the attached political activity policy, which describes the state and federal restrictions on political activity to which we are subject. While political activity rules are not covered under the Code of Ethics, they can overlap with certain ethical issues, such as conflicts of interest and outside employment, and we should all be mindful of these restrictions when we choose to participate in the political process.

Should you have any ethics-related questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at (860) 424-5088, by email at corinne.seibert@ct.gov, or in person at the Central Office, Room 11043. While I always am willing to help employees with questions about ethics, everyone also should feel free to contact the Office of State Ethics directly at (860) 263-2400 or ose@ct.gov with questions about the Code of Ethics.