



January 17, 2012

Randall Meyer
Office of Inspector General
30 East Broad Street, Suite 2940
Columbus, Ohio 43215

HAND DELIVER

Re: Report of Investigation 2011-072

Dear Inspector General Meyer:

The Ohio Department of Insurance (ODI) received the above referenced report regarding acts occurring during the administration of former Governor Ted Strickland and Director Mary Jo Hudson. We appreciate the opportunity to respond.

This report concerns an anonymous complaint received by your office on October 12, 2010, alleging misappropriation of funds at ODI. After reviewing documents obtained from ODI, your office determined the allegation was not supported. However, during the review of this complaint you determined that personnel actions occurring during the prior administration warranted further analysis. As a result of that analysis, you determined evidence suggested that a personnel action related to a promotion had not been completed in accordance with the hiring control process put in place by the prior administration.

As a result of that determination you made three recommendations to ODI and asked that ODI respond within 60 days. Below are your restated recommendations and our response, as requested.

Inspector General Recommendation #1

Create internal policies and procedures to ensure that temporary work assignments from one administrative staff position to a higher administrative staff position are processed as temporary rate changes.

ODI Response #1

The Department has created a policy/procedure for processing all temporary work assignments from one administrative staff position to a higher administrative staff position as temporary rate changes.

Inspector General Recommendation #2

Adopt internal policies and procedures to ensure temporary rate changes are processed reasonably and consistently. This could be accomplished by establishing maximum rate or percentages for various levels of administrative staff positions.

ODI Response #2

The Department has created a policy/procedure for determining the temporary rate change for unclassified employees serving in a temporary work level.

Inspector General Recommendation #3

Create internal policies and procedures that strictly follow hiring controls put in place by the Ohio Office of Budget and Management or the Ohio Governor's Office.

ODI Response # 3

The Department has created a policy/procedure that strictly follows hiring controls of the Office of Budget Management and the Governor's Office.

If, after reviewing this information, you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our department Chief Legal Counsel, Joseph Garber, at (614) 387-1613.

Sincerely,



Jillian Froment
Deputy Director