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Former DMHAS Supervisor Pays \$1,000 Penalty to Office of State Ethics for Using State Resources for his Outside Employment

Hartford – Former Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”) Occupational Therapy Supervisor Stephen Keller, of Norwich, paid a \$1,000 civil penalty for violating the Code of Ethics when he used state resources to perform tasks related to his paid outside consulting position.

Mr. Keller was stationed by DMHAS at the Southeastern Mental Health Authority in Norwich, and was responsible for providing occupational therapy services there on behalf of the state. From 2012 through October 2016, in addition to performing duties on behalf of the state, he also provided independent consultant work to another state agency in his private capacity for financial gain. Even though the outside services provided were to another state agency, these services were unrelated to his state position and state duties at DMHAS. Between 2012 and 2016, Mr. Keller utilized his state-issued computers and other state-owned equipment to conduct work related to this outside job. Under Section 1-84 (c) of the Code, a public official or state employee is prohibited from using state resources to obtain personal financial gain.

“State employees may not use the resources available to them through their state position to conduct outside employment,” said Carol Carson, Executive Director of the Office of State Ethics.

View: Stipulation and Consent Order [2016-44](#).

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