

Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Inspector General

Memorandum to the File
Case Closure

Alleged Misuse of Resources and Prohibited Personnel Practices
VA Caribbean Healthcare System, San Juan, PR
(2012-04629-IQ-0001)

The VA OIG Administrative Investigations Division accepted for investigation two allegations—Misuse of Government Resources (VA Health Care) and Prohibited Personnel Practices—contained in an anonymous letter sent to VA OIG Hotline.

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[REDACTED], San Juan, PR, allegedly received unauthorized and undocumented health care from VACHS clinicians. Further, (b) (7)(C) VACHS, allegedly engaged in prohibited personnel practices when he changed the requirements of a job announcement for a (b) (7)(C) position to allow a friend to qualify and by preselecting a second friend for a supervisory position in the VACHS (b) (7)(C).

Mr. (b) (7)(C) (SES), Network Director, VA Sunshine Healthcare Network (VISN 8), told us that he too received an anonymous letter faxed to his office. After discussion and comparison of the contents of his letter with the one received by VA OIG Hotline, we determined that both contained the same allegations. Mr. (b) (7)(C) said that he referred the allegations to VA OIG Criminal Investigations Division's Regional Office in Tampa, FL, and after they declined to accept them for criminal investigation, he referred the allegations to VHA HRM Workforce Management Group in VA Central Office. Ms. (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(C) Group, confirmed that she received the complaint letter and that she assigned the matter to an HR Consultant to investigate the allegations.

In light of this information, we returned this case to VA OIG Hotline without further investigation and recommended a Case Referral be sent to VHA. Based on the foregoing, case is closed without a formal report or memorandum.

Prepared By

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Date

10/9/12

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