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Advisory Opinion of March 15, 2010

The Commission reviewed the additional facts provided to the Commission at their meeting on February 22, 2010 and March 15, 2010 to reconsider their Opinion #10-02. The Commission considered the facts that were provided regarding the relationship of a County Employee in the County Administrator's Office, and that employee privately providing yoga services, paid for by the County, to the clients of the Department of Aging that began three years prior to her employment and continues today, and would this be a violation of the Queen Anne's County Public Ethics Law.

The Commission determined that this relationship does **not** create an appearance of conflict of interest, in violation of §8-11(A)7. On the basis of all the facts presented to it, the Commission determined that an informed member of the public could not reasonably believe that, because of her employment in the County Administrator's Office three years after she began providing Yoga services, she received favorable treatment in continuing to get the contract with the Department of Aging to provide yoga services. Her contractual engagement for providing Yoga services remains the same as it was prior to her employment with the County.

This Opinion Supersedes #10-02

Advisory Opinion 10-04