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Qs about DHS paying salaries of governor's staffers

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To: "Garrett, Pat" <pat.garrett@iowa.gov>

Hello Pat,

Is the Iowa Department of Human Services currently paying Liz Matney's and/or Paige Thorson's salaries?

Has the Iowa Department of Human Services agreed to indirectly pay Liz Matney's and/or Paige Thorson's salaries, by transferring funds sufficient to cover those salaries over to the governor's office?

Did Sara Craig Gongol speak to Jerry Foxhoven on the morning of June 17 about having Iowa DHS cover salaries for one or more staff working in the governor's office?

If the answer to any of the above questions is yes, has the governor's office checked with the Iowa Attorney General's office to see if it is legal for an agency to pay the salary of a permanent staffer in the governor's office?

If the answer to any of the above questions is yes, what is the governor's office doing with the extra \$200,000 allocation provided by Iowa lawmakers, who believed that money would support new health and tax policy analysts?

Thanks for any information you can provide.

Yours,

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