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## Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Employee Dr. Jeffrey Gottlieb pays \$1,500 to Settle Ethics Code Violations

*Hartford* –Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services employee Dr. Jeffrey Gottlieb, of South Glastonbury, CT, who is employed as a Principal Psychiatrist at Connecticut Valley Hospital, paid a \$1,500 penalty for violating the Code of Ethics when he used state resources to perform non-state related tasks for his other employer.

Under Section 1-84 (c) of the Code of Ethics, a public official or state employee is prohibited from using state resources to obtain personal financial gain.

From April 2012 through September 2014, Gottlieb was also employed by a private company for providing psychiatric care to patients of long term care facilities. During this time period, Gottlieb utilized state resources, including his state-issued computer in order to store documents, and to access the internet for tasks that were related to his outside position. While the work performed by Gottlieb for the private company was not related to his state job duties, the duties were performed on state time, while he was being compensated by the state for such time.

"Operating a private business with state resources is a serious violation of the law," said Executive Director Carol Carson. "The Enforcement Division will continue to prosecute these violations vigorously."

Gottlieb through a separate but related personnel action was suspended without pay for 30 days by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

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