



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health

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Ms. Katie Moore
WWL-TV
1024 North Rampart Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70116

Dear Ms. Moore:

Based on your inquiry, we have conducted a thorough review of the employment status of Dr. Frank Welch within the Department's Office of Public Health. To the Department's knowledge, Dr. Welch is in complete compliance with all statutory, Departmental and Civil Service requirements. As required by La. R.S. 43:21, Dr. Welch maintains a Louisiana Driver's License and maintains a Louisiana registration for all vehicles listed in his name.

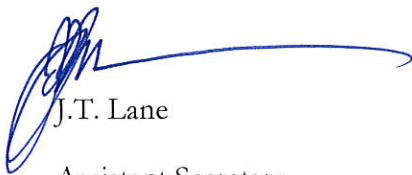
Dr. Welch worked for DHH from July 1, 1997 through April 2, 2005, and then returned to work for DHH after Hurricane Katrina at the request of the Department on September 15, 2005.

Dr. Welch works a minimum of 40 hours per week and is available as needed outside those times. Dr. Welch also regularly attends meetings in person in Louisiana and during disasters such as hurricanes Gustav and Ike, the 2010 *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill and other events, lives and works in Louisiana.

According to DHH records maintained in the Human Resources Department, Dr. Welch maintains a place of residence in Louisiana. Dr. Welch just purchased a new vehicle and is once again registering this vehicle in Louisiana. Dr. Welch pays Louisiana State income taxes. Dr. Welch is also registered and votes in Louisiana elections.

Dr. Welch performs his job well and, to the Department's knowledge, meets all of the requirements of his employment status and relevant Louisiana statutes.

Sincerely,



J.T. Lane
Assistant Secretary