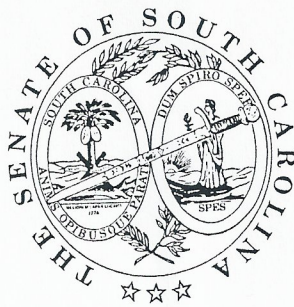


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October 5, 2011

Anthony Keck, Director
S.C. Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

RE: Christopher Lykes

Dear Director Keck:

Please accept this letter as an expression of my support of Mr. Christopher Lykes as I understand that he has applied for the position of Director of the Physician, Pharmacy, and Enhance Care Services program. I have known Mr. Lykes and his family for quite a number of years, and would, without hesitation, relate to you that you will not find a more self motivated and responsible employee.

It is my understanding that this position for which he has applied will utilize his experiences gained while being a Program Manager at the agency for twelve years. His work on a panel with the Medical Director and the agency's attorneys along with his work on two of the three programs (physicians and enhanced care services) have certainly given him the opportunity grow in experiences and utilize his knowledge and skills. Also his experience on the Appeals and Assessment Board in Lexington is another asset that will be beneficial.

The Director Position will allow him to continue to work with others in an enhanced capacity as we try to ensure quality of care for our more vulnerable citizens but at the same time be good stewards of the tax payers' dollars, and I am in total support of his application for this position. I trust you will look favorably at his credentials and at the recommendations made on his behalf. Should you have any questions or wish to speak with me personally in this regard, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Tony Keck
1801 Main Street
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RE: Chris Lykes

Dear Mr. Keck,

I understand that Chris Lykes has applied for a job as director of physicians, pharmacy, and enhanced care services. I have known Mr. Lykes for some time now and have interacted with him in his role as a state employee.

Mr. Lykes is hard working, responsive, and cares deeply about state government and South Carolina. I greatly appreciate you giving consideration to Mr. Lykes for this position, and I appreciate your work for the people of South Carolina.

If I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Very truly,


Vincent A. Sheheen

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October 10, 2011

Mr. Anthony Edward Keck
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Mr. Keck:

Congratulations on your upcoming one-year anniversary as Director of the SC Department of Health and Human Services.

It has come to my attention that Mr. Christopher (Chris) Lykes of Swansea has applied for and has interviewed for the position of Director, Physician, Pharmacy, and Enhance Care Services. Please allow me to share a few personal points about Christopher and why I believe that he would be an excellent choice for this position.

I have known Christopher for many years. He attended school with my sons. I have had the pleasure of watching him grow up into a fine young man who is evolving into a true public servant. His years as a program manager at the SC Department of Health and Human Services have afforded him opportunities to gather knowledge and experience, as well as to cultivate a genuine concern and compassion for our populace needing and depending on the services provided by the department. Christopher was tapped to serve on a panel with the medical director and agency attorneys as they attempt to deal with the loss of children therapy services that, unfortunately, were cut during this financial crisis. Christopher takes pride in having a general, overall working knowledge of the department as well as state and local government, but more importantly the citizens served by the department. He has had the opportunity to work in two of the programs within the umbrella of Director, Physician, Pharmacy, and Enhance Care Services.

Another benefit that Christopher brings to the table is his experience on the Appeals and Assessment Board in Lexington County. Compassion, tempered with common sense and fiduciary responsibility, interpersonal skills, discernment, and the capacity to mediate and to negotiate are absolutes in serving in this capacity.

Christopher Lykes comes with my highest recommendation. Your personal attention to Christopher's application is appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information or have questions about Chris.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harry Ott".

Harry L. Ott, Jr.

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Department of Health & Human Services
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Dear Dr. Keck:

I am honored to have the opportunity to recommend Christopher Lykes for the position of Director of Physician, Pharmacy and Enhanced Care Services within the Department of Health and Human Services.

I have had the opportunity to get to know Chris over the past few years and found him to be an intelligent, hard-working, driven and knowledgeable person. He has shown dedication and leadership in his current position as Program Manager within DHHS and will be an asset in this new position.

Chris has worked in this field for 12 years and will bring much experience to the position. In addition, he has spent his personal time working on Boards and panels that will also provide valuable resources. As the economic downturn persists, Chris will be a detailed steward of the tax payer's dollars and work to find innovate ways to curtail spending while continuing to provide excellent service to the needs of our citizens.

I respectfully ask that you give Chris your full consideration for the position of Director of Physician, Pharmacy and Enhanced Care Services. I know he will serve the Department and South Carolina well. If you have any questions, I will be pleased to speak with you further.

With kind regards,

James E. Smith, Jr.

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Mr. Tony Keck
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South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
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Re: Christopher Lykes, Applicant for the Position of Director of Physician,
Pharmacy, and Enhanced Care Services

Dear Mr. Keck:

Thank you for your willingness to relocate to South Carolina to provide enlightened leadership and vision to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Mr. Christopher Lykes, a program manager at Health and Human Services for twelve (12) years, has advised me that he has applied for the open position of Director of Physician, Pharmacy, and Enhanced Care Services. I recommend and strongly urge that he be given favorable consideration for this open position.

Of the three programs administered by the position being sought by Mr. Lykes, please know that Mr. Lykes has worked with two of them, namely, the Physicians Program and the Enhanced Care Services Program. Moreover, he currently serves on a panel with the agency's Medical Director and the agency's attorneys seeking to address the issue of providing children's therapy services. Mr. Lykes is dedicated to achieving common ground between providers and the DHHS staff to ensure a high quality of care, while concurrently being a good steward of taxpayer dollars.

Mr. Lyles has served with distinction as a member of the Lexington County Board of Assessment and Appeals. His skill and experience in this controversial position will be a very strong asset to the position of Director of Physician, Pharmacy, and Enhanced Care Services. I recommend and strongly urge that Christopher Lykes be given favorable consideration for this position.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walton J. McLeod".

Walton J. McLeod
State Representative