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Synopsis Case #19-50 Action Taken on June 5, 2020

Respondent: Stanley Odenthal

The Respondent was the Director of Employment and Training for the Nebraska Department of Labor who was required to file a Statement of Financial Interests within 30 days after leaving his position on May 31, 2019. He failed to do so in violation of §49-1493 of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. The Executive Director of the Commission commenced a Preliminary Investigation on October 10, 2019 alleging a failure to file a Statement of Financial Interests in of violation of §49-1493. A hearing was held on March 4, 2020 before Hearing Officer Karen Flowers. The Respondent did not appear. Thereafter, Hearing Officer Flowers submitted her recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. On June 5, 2020, the Commission, with eight Commissioners concurring, no Commissioners dissenting and no Commissioners abstaining entered Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and an order by which:

Violation: The Commission found that the Respondent failed to file a Statement of Financial Interests within 30 days after leaving his position on May 31, 2019 in violation §49-1493 of the NPADA.

Civil Penalty: \$2,000.00

Other: The Respondent is required to cease and desist from further violations; file the required statement; and pay the costs of the action

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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF)
)
) Case No. 19-50
Stanley Odenthal) Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law,
) and Order

Statement of Case

This matter was heard on March 4, 2020 before Hearing Officer Karen Flowers. The allegation is that Stanley Odenthal failed to file a Statement of Financial Interests in violation of §49-1493 of the NPADA. Appearing on behalf of the Commission was Neil Danberg. Though properly served, there was no appearance by or on behalf of the Respondent, Stanley Odenthal. Evidence was presented and the matter submitted. Thereafter, the Hearing Officer submitted recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law.

Findings of Fact

Prior to May, 2019, Stanley Odenthal was the Director of Employment and Training for the Nebraska Department of Labor. Under the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Act, by March 1 of each year, he was required to file a Statement of Financial Interests covering the previous calendar year. Neb. Rev. Stat. §49-1493(13). (E1, E2). Neb. Rev. Stat. §49-1493 also required Odenthal, if he left his position, to file a Statement of Financial Interests covering the period since his last statement was filed. This latter statement was due within thirty days of his leaving office.

On March 1, 2018 Odenthal filed a Statement of Financial Interests covering period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. By March 1, 2019, Odenthal had not filed an annual Statement of Financial Interests covering the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. On May 31, 2019, Odenthal left his employment at the Department of Labor. Odenthal did not file a Statement of Financial Interests covering the period since his last statement (December 21, 2017) and the date of his departure.

Despite repeated efforts to secure a Statement of Financial Interests from Odenthal covering the period January 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019, none has been received. (Exs. 5A-F).

Conclusions of Law

Stanley Odenthal failed to file a Statement of Financial Interests in violation of §49-1493 of the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Act.

Order

Wherefore, with 8 Commissioners concurring and no Commissioners dissenting or abstaining, the Commission adopts the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth above and finds that Stanley Odenthal failed to file a Statement of Financial Interests in violation of §49-1493 of the NPADA.

Wherefore, with 8 Commissioners concurring and no Commissioners dissenting or abstaining, the Commission orders that Stanley Odenthal: a) cease and desist from the violation; b) be assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.00; c) pay the costs of the hearing; and d) be directed and required to file a Statement of Financial Interest covering the period of January 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. E. E.', written over a horizontal line.

Matthew M. Enenbach, Chairman
Nebraska Accountability and
Disclosure Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of this Order was sent by certified U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, on this 5th day of June 2020 to the following person or persons at the following address or addresses:

Stanley Odenthal
1120 Sycamore Drive
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Frank J. Daley, Jr.