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Memorandum

To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Jordan Campbell, Compliance Coordinator

Date: October 19, 2022

Subject: Gerald (Jerry) Crossler; PDC Case 110495; Review Hearing

Matter for Review:

During a Brief Enforcement Hearing held on September 1, 2022, Gerald Crossler was found to have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) no later than April 15, 2021. At the September 1, 2022 Brief Enforcement Hearing, an Order imposing a \$500 penalty, with \$250 suspended, was entered, which Gerald Crossler now requests the Commission review.

Background:

- Gerald Crossler (the "Respondent") is an elected Hospital Commissioner of Adams County Hospital District with his most recent term starting January 1, 2020. The Respondent has one prior violations with the PDC.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office in 2021 was required to file an F-1 report, disclosing financial information for calendar year 2021, no later than April 15, 2022.
- Between March 10th and April 5th, 2022, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2021.
- On July 22, 2022, PDC staff mailed and emailed the respondent a Hearing notice regarding the missing report for calendar year 2021. This hearing notice was sent to the respondent's email and address of record.
- At the Brief Enforcement Hearing held on September 1, 2022, the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file the F-1 report no later than April 15, 2022, and was assessed a \$500 penalty, of which \$250 was suspended, consistent with WAC

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390-37-143, the Brief Enforcement Hearing penalty schedule adopted by the Commission.

- On October 10, 2022, the Respondent filed an F-1 report covering calendar year 2021 activity.
- On September 29, 2022, PDC staff served the Initial Order memorializing the Commission's ruling, by email and mail, to the Respondent's email address and the mailing address-of-record.

Request for Review:

- On October 10, 2022, the Respondent contacted PDC staff by email to appeal the penalty assessed in the Initial Order entered September 29, 2022 on the grounds of health matters and lack of technical ability.
- On October 14, 2022, PDC staff served the Respondent, by email, with a hearing notice for a October 27, 2022 Review Hearing before the Public Disclosure Commission, along with instructions on how to participate in the hearing remotely.