



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL
Administrative Complaint Disposition – Request Made to a Non-Public Agency

Linda A. Evans
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2021-107

v.

Monmouth Family Health & Dental Center (Monmouth)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: N/A

Request Received by Custodian: N/A

GRC Complaint Received: May 20, 2021

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant submitted an OPRA request to an agency that is not a “public agency” as defined under OPRA. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1. Specifically, Monmouth Family Health and Dental Center is a “501(c)3 non-profit organization” that provides health care to “approximately 14,000 patients” which was operated previously as the Outpatient Department of Monmouth Medical Center¹ (now part of RWJ Barnabas Health, Inc.). See Verry v. Franklin Fire Dist. No. 1, 230 N.J. 285 (2017); Cole v. Newton Memorial Hospital (Sussex), GRC Complaint No. 2009-68 (February 2010); Samgalski v. PSE&G, GRC Complaint No. 2010-251 (December 2010).

Applicable OPRA Provision: “‘Public agency’ or ‘agency’ means any of the principal departments in the Executive Branch of State Government, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by such department; the Legislature of the State and any office, board, bureau or commission within or created by the Legislative Branch; and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality or agency. The terms also mean any political subdivision of the State or combination of political subdivisions, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by a political subdivision of the State or combination of political subdivisions, and any independent authority, commission, instrumentality or agency created by a political subdivision or combination of political subdivisions.” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 (emphasis added).

This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey within forty-five (45) days. Information about the appeals process can be obtained from the Appellate Division Clerk’s Office, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 W. Market St. PO Box 006, Trenton, NJ 08625-0006.

Effective Date of Disposition: June 29, 2021

¹ About Us | MFHC 2018 NewSite (mfhcnj.org) (accessed May 24, 2021).



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