Email to participants after Unit 1—

Agency Name: Agency for Mental Health

Agency Profile: Broadly similar in mission to the [National Institute of Mental Health](https://www.nimh.nih.gov/) but not an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services

Supplemental Regs: Outside activity prior approval

Cast of Characters: Deborah Ortiz—DAEO

 Dr. Rory Singh-Smith—Deputy Director, Budget and Program Funding

 Naomi Guzman—Chief, Medical Information Security

 Keshia Marsteller—Prospective Candidate for Deputy Director, Programs Funding

Narrative: You are a new ethics official at the Agency for Mental Health (AMH) working under the direction of Deborah Ortiz, a member of Senior Management and the DAEO.

 Your primary client for the next 16 weeks is the Office of Programs Funding. You will be responding to questions, and providing advice and counsel, financial disclosure review and ethics education to various employees within that Office. You will also be learning the ropes with respect to the policies and administration of the AMH ethics program.

Description of Office: The Office of Programs Funding supports a range of research, research training, career development, and scientific resource and technology transfer programs, through grants, cooperative agreements and contracts.

 Programs funded include:

* Treatment and preventive interventions research;
* Mental health services research to develop and test service delivery strategies for improving the quality, effectiveness, continuity, and value of mental health services;
* Research training, education, and career development grant mechanisms to cultivate a mental health research workforce that is diverse, skilled in innovative treatment, prevention, and services; and
* Application of innovative technologies, supported through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs, to improve screening, diagnosis, clinical assessment, data collection, and quality monitoring tools for clinical trials and services research studies; advance the treatment of mental disorders; and new approaches to training, supervision, and continuing education for researchers and evidence-based practitioners.