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Dear Ms. Chatterjee:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 390156.

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (the "university") received a request for the minutes and transcripts of all meetings of all committees of the Western Regional Center of Excellence for Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases Research over a specified period of time, excluding those portions pertaining to the review of funding applications. Although you take no position as to whether the submitted information is excepted under the Act, you state that release of this information may implicate the proprietary interests of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (the "district") and Texas Tech University School of Law ("Texas Tech"). Accordingly, you state, and provide documentation showing, you notified the district and Texas Tech of the request for information and of their right to submit arguments to this office as to why the submitted information should not be released. We have reviewed the submitted information.

We note that, as of the date of this letter, this office has not received comments from the district or Texas Tech. Therefore, the university may not withhold any of the submitted information based upon the interests of these governmental bodies. As no exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the submitted information must be released.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and

responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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