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Sean M. Ryan
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Dear Assemblymember Ryan:

Your letter to Attorney General James was forwarded to me for response. You requested an opinion regarding the Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation's authority to provide health insurance benefits to the members of its board of directors. You are familiar with this Office's opinion in 2008 concluding that such benefits could not be paid to the members of a board of directors of a different OTB. Op. Att'y Gen. (Inf.) No. 2008-3.

As a matter of longstanding policy, this Office only renders opinions to the Legislature as a whole or to a house of the Legislature. We do not render opinions to individual legislators. But we have reviewed our 2008 opinion and the relevant statutes and see no reason why the opinion from 2008 would not apply to the Western Regional OTB.

Thank you for your interest in an opinion of the Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

KATHRYN SHEINGOLD
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