

Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 1:15:16 PM Central Daylight Time

From: Sandra Stafford Dept of Health Employee

To: Mary [REDACTED]

Lesbian inquiring about birth certificates

Thank you, Mary. I will respond to Ms. Hobbs.

Deputy General Counsel for Department who is effectively changing the law

From: Mary Kennedy

Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 1:14 PM

To: Sandra Stafford

Subject: RE: attn: vital records, re: birth certificates and same sex marriage

You may tell Ms. Hobbs that her child will be treated in the same manner as any other child born to a married woman.

In other words, BOTH women go on the birth baby's certificate, meaning the child has two "mothers," not a mother and father.

From: Sandra Stafford

Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 1:05 PM

To: TN Health; Kay Alred; R.Benton McDonough; [REDACTED]@hotmail.com

Cc: Mary [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: attn: vital records, re: birth certificates and same sex marriage

Importance: High

Text

Dear Ms. Hobbs,

Thank you for your inquiry, which is being directed to Mary Kennedy. Please allow up to 3 business days for her reply.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

With kind regards,

From: TN Health

Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 10:36 AM

To: Kay Alred; Sandra Stafford; R.Benton McDonough

Subject: FW: attn: vital records, re: birth certificates and same sex marriage

Lesbian inquiring about birth certificates

From: Kristen hobbs [mailto:k[REDACTED]@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 9:58 AM

To: TN Health

Subject: attn: vital records, re: birth certificates and same sex marriage

Both "spouses," not both mother and father!

to whom it may concern,

i am writing to see if someone can direct me to information in regards to the recently passed same sex marriage and its relation to birth certificates/adoption. i have heard rumor that, now that marriage is legal, both of the spouse's names can be on the birth certificate, thus possibly eliminating the need for adoption. i married my partner on friday and we plan to try for a baby soon, and we are hoping to avoid the costly/invasive process of 2nd parent adoption. chris, from tn equality project, suggested i contact y'all and see if you have any information on this. if you do or if you can direct me to the right person to speak with, i would be very grateful.

thank you so much!

[REDACTED] hobbs