



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

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Robbie LeFleur, Director
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Re: 2011 Child Maltreatment Review Panel Report

Dear Ms. LeFleur:

As required by the *Laws of Minnesota* Special Session 2001, Chapter 9, Article 11, section 3, I am respectfully submitting the annual report of the Child Maltreatment Review Panel's activities for calendar year 2011. In accordance with requirements of Minnesota Statutes, I am also forwarding two copies of the report to the Legislative Reference Library.

Legislation creating the Child Maltreatment Review Panel was enacted during a special session of the 2001 Minnesota Legislature. The panel reviews an investigating agency's determinations regarding maltreatment of a child in state licensed facilities such as child care centers, correctional institutions, or schools in response to requests received under section 626.556, subdivision 10i, paragraph (b). An adult, acting on behalf of a child, can make a request, in writing, for a review of an investigating agency's determinations regarding a report of child maltreatment.

The Child Maltreatment Review Panel meets quarterly if there are cases to be reviewed. The panel requests and encourages written statements and documentation from all parties involved in an investigation being reviewed. The Minnesota Department of Human Services provides a coordinator who facilitates all communication with the panel.

The panel consisted of the following required agency representatives for calendar year 2011:

Terry Besaw, Minnesota Department of Human Services
Nancy Blume, Minnesota Department of Health
Lisa Cain, Minnesota Department of Corrections
Mary Crossen, Minnesota Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities
Susanne Thomas, Minnesota Department of Education

Statistics for 2011

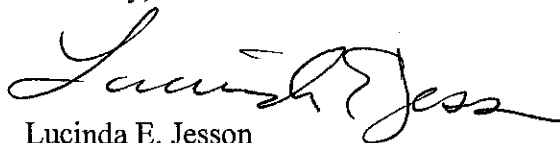
Requests for review received:	3
Reviews conducted:	1
Reconsideration required:	1
Final Determinations Changed	0

One review panel meeting was held in April 2011 where one case was reviewed. One of the requests for a review was resolved at the local level. One review request will be reviewed by the panel in January 2012.

Recommendation

The Minnesota Department of Human Services is recommending that the Minnesota Legislature assess the purpose, methodology and efficacy of continuing the Child Maltreatment Review Panel in its present form.

Sincerely,



Lucinda E. Jesson
Commissioner