



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

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January 24, 2006

Patrick E. Flahaven
Secretary of the Senate
231 State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: 2005 Child Maltreatment Review Panel Report

Dear Mr. Flahaven:

As required by the *Laws of Minnesota* Special Session 2001, Chapter 9, Article 11, section 3, I respectfully submit this report on the Child Maltreatment Review Panel activities for calendar year 2005. In accordance with requirements of Minnesota Statutes, I am also sending six 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, may make a request, in writing, for a review of an investigating agency's determinations regarding a report of child maltreatment in a facility.

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 manages all communication with the panel.

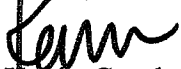
The panel consisted of the following required agency representatives for calendar year 2005:

Amy Roberts and Barbara Jondahl, Minnesota Department of Education
Roberta Opheim, Minnesota Office of the Ombudsman for Mental
Health/Mental Retardation
David Johnson, Minnesota Department of Corrections
Ruth Clinard and John Langworthy, Minnesota Department of Human Services
Nancy Blume, Minnesota Department of Health

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The Office of Ombudsman for Crime Victims no longer participates as it was eliminated in 2003. here were no requests for the panel to review, it did not meet in calendar year 2005. The request submitted in late 2005 is scheduled for review on January 26, 2006.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin Goodno,
Commissioner