

**Minnesota Department of Human Services**

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Re: 2010 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 this report on the Child Maltreatment Review Panel activities for calendar year 2010. In accordance with requirements of Minnesota Statutes, I am also forwarding 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, 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 2010:

Erin Magnus, Minnesota Department of Education
Mary Crossen, Minnesota Office of the Ombudsman for Mental
Health/Mental Retardation
Lisa Cain, Minnesota Department of Corrections
John Langworthy, Minnesota Department of Human Services
Nancy Blume, Minnesota Department of Health

The Office of Ombudsman for Crime Victims no longer participates as it was eliminated in 2003.

Statistics for 2010:

Requests for review received:	2
Reviews conducted:	2
Reconsideration required:	1
Final Determinations Changed	0

Two Review Panel meetings were held in 2010. The first meeting in April reviewed one case; the second meeting in October reviewed one case.

Recommendation:

The Minnesota Department of Human Services recommends the legislature assess the purpose, methods and efficacy of continuing the Child Maltreatment Review Panel in its presently constituted form.

Yours sincerely,



Cal R. Ludeman
Commissioner