

January 23, 2014
Heads Up Marrienne

Marrienne McMullen has painted herself into a corner. George Sheldon was smart enough to bail when he saw the writing on the wall, especially that by his own hand which revealed him as working NOT to protect the children, but to stop the reports of children being raped, abused, and worse.

I keep reminding all that Mr. Sheldon, whose profound failure as head of DCF in Florida led to 2009 being the year when Florida alone having more child deaths while in State care than all the other States combined, was then promoted into ACF to work directly under Ms. McMullen who needed a stooge to carry out her political agenda. He was perfect for that.

I remind all, again, that his successor abruptly bailed a few months back, and investigations plus good journalism have revealed that the policies put in place by Mr. Sheldon, made it impossible to rescue children from known abusers. In short, any offense committed by any guardian was written off, and the files closed if the offender verbally promised to 'never do it again.'

When they did it again, there was no history, because the files were closed, and the same practice of getting a promise was repeated. This led to some of the most horrific, vicious cases of sexual abuse and child torture and murder Florida has ever seen.

With the Directorship of DCF in Florida wide open, Mr. Sheldon has to get himself into a position that would enable him to block, thwart or sabotage any investigation into past practices on his part or because of his insane policies.

Only someone who enjoyed children being abused would create such policies that left them with no protection whatsoever.

So, Mr. Sheldon is now running for Attorney General for the State of Florida. That is the only position he can gain that will allow him to cover up his own criminal negligence, incompetence, and enabling of the worst child abuse possible.

I repeat Mr. Sheldon's actions here because I think he needs to be criminally investigated for his part in trying to stop the investigations into the abuses, rapes and worse, of the children of Spirit Lake.

“Watch Your Queen”

It's also clear from Ms. McMullen's actions since the departure of Sheldon from her hangar of Flying Monkeys, that she was not misled by him, nor was he betraying her trust in how he performed his job while under her supervision. He was in fact, carrying out her directives, with her full and complete knowledge, and at her

pleasure.

This most recent exchange between McMullen and Sullivan are very revealing. It's like watching a chess game wherein one player has been overconfident and is suddenly in a panic, making moves that reveal more weaknesses, and which would be clear to all watching who know the game, leading inevitably to Check Mate.

"Watch Your Queen" is the courtesy warning from the player with the upper hand, to the player who is losing ground, and pieces.

George Sheldon was a piece. I suspect that when all this comes down, he will be investigated to a degree no one expects and it will reveal a very dark side of him that will stain the agencies he has worked for, for decades to come.

It's becoming apparent from his performance both in DCF and ACF that his mission has been to protect the worst abusers, at the expense of the most vulnerable children. What kind of man does that?

I doubt that he will go quietly. I am sure he will reveal all his connections and all the inside secrets of those who supported him, enabled him, protected him. He will, as all cowards do, buy his way out by selling out everyone else. Ms. McMullen still relies on him as an ally. That is her mistake.

As her latest snippy response to Thomas Sullivan's pertinent concerns reveals, she is in panic mode. Desperately on the offense, failing in her efforts to twist Sullivan's words and actions to make him the bad guy, her offense reveals her weakest points, and clearly that she is on the side of political power and connections over the safety and well-being of the children.

Mr. Sullivan's response, which incorporates in the last paragraph, the latest blow to the structure that has kept the abusive in a position of powerful, a paragraph in the Omnibus Bill that was signed by President Obama last Friday, which puts all of this one step closer to a Congressional Investigation.

Clearly, there are some in elected office who are following this string of abuses and who are appalled. They are stating that those responsible will have to answer. It's time for McMullen and the rest of her 'team' as well as Purdon, and all his gang, to take notice: This is not going away. In fact, you will have to answer for your actions, and your inactions.

Personally, I'd like to see an in-depth investigation into the personal involvement of each and every one on the opposing side. This level of systematic, organized resistance to protecting the children doesn't come by coincidence. Nor does the smearing, libeling and lying about what is said or done.

Well, the new Omnibus Bill is a huge crack in the wall of the Opposition. Let's see who the smart ones are and who will see the writing on that wall and decide that now is both the time to start protecting those children and pursuing the criminals as well as buying themselves the best deal possible with investigators in what is sure to be the biggest, ugliest scandal to hit our government since Abscam, or the Hookers, Blow & Microwaves for Oil Leases that also stained the Dept. of Interior not so long ago. This latest will reveal that by not sending anyone to prison for that, they have allowed a corrupt Department to both continue corruption, and traffic in children.

With that in mind, I give you the hysteria response from the panicky McMullen and the calm, factual response from Mr. Sullivan.

*Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 12:43 PM
To: Sullivan, Thomas (ACF); Greenberg, Mark (ACF)
Cc: Murray, James (ACF); McCauley, Mike (ACF); Chang, Joo Yeun (ACF); Kennerson, Marilyn (ACF)
Subject: RE: Spirit Lake*

You are well aware that ACF is not an entity that does direct casework or direct, individual investigations on reported cases of abuse. We support organizations that do that.

As I've mentioned before, it is highly unfortunate that the way you have chosen to engage with key parties in this situation has damaged some of the most critical relationship needed for achieving progress for the children and families of Spirit Lake. We are in the process of rebuilding those relationships so that we can move forward in a productive way with the bodies that are charged with doing the work that you describe in your email.

Notice how she did not sign this one "Marrienne"? Methinks she dropped her manners.

From: "Sullivan, Thomas (ACF)" <thomas.sullivan@acf.hhs.gov>
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Subject: **FW: Spirit Lake**

Ms. McMullen:

I am puzzled by your response to my email because in it I neither implied nor stated that I believed ACF would be directly involved in the delivery of services to the young boy about whom I had written more than four months ago. There seems to be a "straw man" quality to your response.

Based on your September 23, 2013 email, I did expect you to discuss this young suicidal boy's situation with the Children's Bureau, Ms. Kennerson and the BIA. It seems to me that, despite your assurances about the boy's safety, none of that occurred.

You seem to have a deep desire to blame me for the problems at Spirit Lake. These problems developed over a lengthy period of time, starting at least 15 - 20 years ago, long before I became part of ACF or assumed this position here in Denver.

These problems developed because of the malfeasance of a wide variety of state, federal and tribal officials. Some profited from this arrangement and moved on. Their replacements as well as those who remain in place continue engaging in the corrupt manipulation of their duties for their own benefit and the benefit of their relatives and cronies. What they have done and continue to do, I believe, are crimes. Truth-telling about these crimes tends to make me unpopular with those engaging in such criminal activity.

My sources have been working to correct this corruption of the Spirit Lake child protection system for more than seven years with little apparent effect. They are furious with the libel and slander directed at them by the state, federal and tribal leaders who appear to support the continuation of the criminal corruption and who refuse to do anything to rescue kids from the full-time care and custody of addicts, abusers and rapists.

Even though I have chosen to engage the key parties in this criminally corrupt enterprise with detailed facts, the leadership of my own agency has refused to support me, has tried to silence me, has prevented me from travelling to legitimate meetings in an about this region. If this isn't retaliation, what is?

Truth-telling is powerful. Even though we have been met at every turn with lies and distortions, we are prevailing because the continued repetition of the truth is impossible to rebut.

Our continued repetition of the truth keeps this criminally abusive behavior on people's minds and requires the corrupt to develop ever more creative lies. My nine page December 19, 2013, email to you described in detail the contradictions made by many who oppose us. It is difficult to keep your story straight when one is constantly lying. As Mark Twain once wrote, "If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."

By trying to silence me and by removing me from any involvement with the development of solutions to this situation, you have provided hope to the corrupt and criminal. Your approach to a "solution" will delay the placement of children in safe homes for up to 18 months. How many more American Indian children will die at their own hand, be murdered, be raped, abused, neglected during this 18 month period?

The solution is simple: those engaging in their criminally corrupt activities must stop now, not tomorrow, but now. They must begin operating within the statutory and regulatory authorities that are supposed to guide their performance in office. Every one of their actions must focus on insuring the safety of the children of Spirit Lake. This is not a shift away from my recommended "Step One, Step Two and so on" approach outlined at the conclusion of my January 17, 2014 email to you but rather is an expansion of that approach and a request for leadership to begin fulfilling that role. Those in charge must demand the criminal corruption stop now.

*While my words have had little effect, the following words should finally compel some honest attention to the plight of the American Indian children of the Spirit Lake Nation: **"Spirit Lake Tribal Social Services -- The Bureau (of Indian Affairs) is directed to report to the House and Senate committees of jurisdiction on the progress of its efforts and the adequacy of child placement and judicial review by the Tribe and the Bureau. The Secretary is expected to take all necessary steps to ensure that children at the Spirit Lake Reservation are placed in safe and secure homes."** From the 2014 Omnibus Appropriations Bill Report, page 21.(Pages 19 - 22 detail instructions to the Bureau of Indian Affairs included in the agreement). This bill was signed into law by the President last Friday.*

*Thomas F. Sullivan
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I bolded that section. The more you read it, the more you can sense the impending poop storm about to hit those who thought they were too high up, too important, too well-connected to worry about being investigated.

You are in Check, Ms. McMullen. Your next moves will be critical on this board. We are all watching.

You know where to find me.

~Cat

