

March 26, 2014
Doesn't Know, Doesn't Care

Marrienne McMullen doesn't want to be bothered

Email from Betty Jo Krenz:

From: Betty Krenz
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 1:25 PM **To:** Sullivan, Thomas
(ACF) **Subject:** rude woman

To Whom It May Concern:

I am completely taken back by the phone conversation I just Marrienne McMullen. Ultimately the conversation ended rudely but her hanging up on me!

I called the number 202-401-9216 at 1;15 central time today and she answered the phone. I told her my name and asked if she was aware of who I was or not, and she replied she knew who I was.

I then told her I was sick after reading the article in the grand forks herald about the children from spirit lake. She told me she thought it was a horrible tragedy.

I then asked her a very clear and direct question " Can you please tell me who is ultimately responsible for the safety and well being of the children of spirit Lake so I can make sure they are aware of the OTHER children that are on the initial list of children I was concerned about?"

She told me to talk to the tribe. I informed her the tribe, BIA,FBI, state of ND and ACF all have direct knowledge and nobody has helped any of them.

She then told me " I don't have to take this from you, I don't have to listen to you hassle me about this. We are trying to have an independent study done out there and it keeps falling apart, we (the ACF) do not do direct care for children and we do not know who needs to do what."

I than asked her "So if I can make sure I am clear on this: The ACF does not know who are in charge of the safety and well being of the children of Spirit Lake Nation"

She told me....."you better speak your mind fast because I am hanging up in 10 seconds...."

And she did.

Betty Jo Krenz

Amazing as that is, wait until you see the next thread of emails between Thomas Sullivan and McMullen... It's summarized by Sullivan. In his email he included the entire article from the Grand Forks Herald.

From: "Sullivan, Thomas (ACF)" <thomas.sullivan@acf.hhs.gov>
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 11:36 AM
To: "McMullen, Marianne (ACF)" <Marriane.McMullen@acf.hhs.gov>
Cc: "Murray, James (ACF)" <james.murray@acf.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Emailing: grand-forks-woman-charged-felony-abuse-grandchildren.htm

As I wrote in my email to you dated March 25, 2014 in the fifth paragraph, "More than twenty one months ago when I filed my First Mandated Report with the US Attorney and the BIA I cited the cases of approximately 40 children who Tribal Chair Roger Yankton had ordered removed from safe off-reservation foster homes and returned to their own families or to the homes of relatives immediately. Four of the six children included in the Grand Forks Herald report were part of the group of 40. Those four were placed in the care of this grandmother who, even at that time, had a long record of child abuse."

From: McMullen, Marianne (ACF) **Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2014 10:16 AM **To:** Sullivan, Thomas (ACF) **Cc:** Murray, James (ACF) **Subject:** RE: Emailing: grand-forks-woman-charged-felony-abuse-grandchildren.htm

Now I see why I wasn't able to find this (horrible) story when searching on Spirit Lake, which isn't mentioned in the story. What is the connection between this and Spirit Lake?

NOTE: I have NO idea why she put "horrible" in parenthesis. Was it a subconscious device to lower her voice, like one would when at a dinner table and not wanting others to overhear? It's a very weird way to express any 'horror' she would have supposedly felt.

As you can see by McMullen's response, she obviously never read a single one of the Mandated Reports, nor did anyone investigate them as she claimed they had. She could not see the connection between the abuse in the article, which for some unknown reason, did not mention that the family was FROM Spirit Lake and only recently living in Grand Forks. I guess that was her out, even though the names should have rung alarm bells and red flags.

Well, they would have rung bells and flags if the person at the top of the heap had bothered even once, to do her job.

McMullen's "study" keeps falling apart? How sad. The kids keep being raped, tortured and abused. But she thinks 'studying' whether or not these are crimes and

law enforcement officials should intervene, is the path to pursue? And it keeps 'falling apart'? Oh those darn murdered & raped kids! Such a bother!

I wonder if McMullen can, at any level, define what her job is? What the Agency's mission is? She seems unable to grasp that "ACF" stands for "Administration FOR Children & Families". She's obviously annoyed about the 'Children' & the 'Family' part. What exactly does she see her job as??? I think people should call her, daily, until she picks up the phone and gives a civil and truthful answer. Again, that number is: **202-401-9216** .

I'm sure that if you leave her a voice message, she will get back to you. But just in case, keep calling. She's a very busy woman. She's doing a 'study' that 'keeps falling apart'. Perhaps because the premise is so illogical? Immoral? Ridiculous?

Children, little babies even, are being tortured and murdered and that woman wants to know nothing about it. She wants nothing to be done about it. She wants to 'study' it, like a bug under a microscope to see if there is anything there she might find interesting.

It keeps falling apart. Now, if those kids would just hold still and stop being murdered or making the news.... She might be able to enjoy her job, eh?

You know where to find me.

~Cat