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After reading Mr. Sullivan's fourth mandated report and the responses that followed I am quite perplexed. Mr. Babbit knows nothing of what is going on here??? The BIA gives us a token response by sending two workers, and two officers and we are supposed to be satisfied/grateful with this response??? Why is it that there was no response for 5 weeks with glaring examples of ongoing abuse and no one from the top, except Senators Conrad and Hoven, does a thing about it and then the BIA wants to appease us by sending in two saviors on white horses to save the day. It is my opinion, with the political climate with the tribe, TSS, BIA administration and law enforcement nothing will ever get done, I believe even if they send a whole army of troops in. They are all so imbedded that there is no room for anyone, even if they wanted, to step forward and do the right thing.

It is my belief that the whole TSS needs to be given back to the BIA. The present BIA, Tribal council, TSS leadership needs to be investigated for child endangerment, as is suggested for the top leaders of the state HHS, They have done nothing but given us a smoke screen for the past 5 months and have done nothing to check on the children in the (4) reports. One child even died during this time of neglect because **no one** was willing to listen to the cries of the family wanting help. Like Mr. Sullivan stated it took him all of five minutes to find the home of the 9 children in St. Michael's. If he can do this from Denver why can't someone from the state or here do the same? Rod Cavanaugh had gotten reports way before April of 2011 and did nothing. The BIA law enforcement have gotten 960's that were never investigated, Kevin Dauphanias, director of TSS shredded documents and placed children back in unfit homes, Mr. Meyer can't do anything until or unless he is given an ok from Roger Yankton? What are Yankton's qualifications regarding child welfare matters that he directs all actions of the acting director? Yet no charges have been even suggested for any or all of these so called leaders. Sitting around a table talking about policies or whatever does nothing for the safety of these abused children that are still in harms way. And what about the CEO that tries to obstruct a mandated reporter, is she not also a mandated reporter by virtue of her federal employment? It begs the question **WHO** is endangering our children's safety? **Why** is nothing be done to investigate these leaders who don't do their duties and even try to obstruct those who do?

In my estimation a completely new leadership with professional standards and ethical values needs to be put in place .Qualified and dedicated social workers need to be hired that know child welfare laws and are not afraid to do what is necessary to protect our children and families. The present TSS system is broken and has done nothing to check on our children that are still placed in the homes of perpetrators. They want us to believe they are working hard to fix the broken system, **but they have done nothing to check on the children.** All they care about are the political whims of the so called leaders that run away and

hide and do not even give the Senators and Mr. Sullivan the time of day (courtesy) to respond to their requests. How can we, ***the people***, let this kind of behaviors continue to dictate our lives with such fear and hesitance to do the right thing?

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