

Testimony of Kevin Dauphinais,

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Study of the Effect of Federal, State, and County Government Funding and
Administration on the Social Service Programs of Tribal Governments

Good Afternoon Chairman Weisz and members of the Committee, my name is Kevin Dauphinais. I would like to ask a question: Do we agree that every child in North Dakota should be provided with the opportunity to receive quality services? When considering the effects of federal, state, and county funding, we must understand who the direct service provider is.

On November 5, 2007, a meeting was held with a consultant, Don Schmid, who is a Title IV-E consultant. At this time, the purpose of this meeting was held to review the status of the Title IV-E administrative claims during the calendar year 2007. I expressed that the Spirit Lake Tribal Social Services did not have the adequate amount of staff to provide quality services to the families and children of the Spirit Lake Nation. I reported that in 2007, there was approximately 202 reports of child abuse and neglect and of that number there were 26 sexual abuse substantiated, 48 physical abuse substantiated, and 78 neglect substantiated.

In the fiscal year 2010, the status report generated for the Great Plains Region indicates that Spirit Lake Social Services received \$311, 508.00 to provide direct services to children and families in relation to foster care. The funding allocated for foster care was intended to be utilized for foster care only but unfortunately is being used for child protection services. As of October 1, 2009 to present, Spirit Lake Social Services has

received approximately 127 reports of child abuse and neglect. It must be noted that the agency has only one CPS investigator. These numbers reflect the need for adequate staff members to meet the needs of the Spirit Lake Tribe. The program greatly appreciates the support of the state in providing a grant to secure two parent aid positions. Since receiving the funding for these positions, I have already witnessed the impact of being proactive in the delivery of services. For example, the parent aids have been working diligently with a single mother who was in desperate need of services, while caring for her four children ages five and younger, it is strongly believed that without the support of the parent aids, this family would not have received proper services to succeed in today's society. This is just one example of how the parent aid positions have made such a positive impact within the community of the Spirit Lake Nation.

In conclusion, if our focus is directed on funding and not the collaboration and communication between the state, county, and tribal agencies, then we will continue to accept the same results, which is the "gap" of services.



FY 2010 Fund Status Report - Great Plains Region

Summary by Tribe

BEG	END	FUND	ORG	PGM	PROGRAM NAME	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURE	UDO	TOTAL OBLIG.	UNOBLIG. BALANCE	% OBL.
2010	2011	J0002	A05303	J9080	TRIBAL COURTS PROGRAMS (TPA)	185,300.00	185,300.00	0.00	185,300.00	0.00	100.0%
2010	2011	J0002	A05303	J9130	FIRE PROTECTION (TPA)	36,935.00	36,935.00	0.00	36,935.00	0.00	100.0%
2010		H0009	A05303	H9370	HOUSING IMPROV PROGRAM (TPA)	15,195.00	0.00	15,195.00	15,195.00	0.00	100.0%
2010	2011	N0002	A05303	N9A05	NATURAL RESOURCES (UTB) (TPA) F+W	3,970.00	3,970.00	0.00	3,970.00	0.00	100.0%
2010	2011	H0002	A05303	H9010	<u>SOCIAL SERVICES (TPA) T.S.J.</u>	311,508.00	311,508.00	0.00	311,508.00	0.00	100.0%
2010	2011	H0002	A05303	H9130	<u>WELFARE ASSISTANCE (TPA) T.S.J.</u>	575,954.00	575,954.00	0.00	575,954.00	0.00	100.0%
2010		92200	A05303	92120	PREPARDNESS Fire	234,600.00	234,600.00	0.00	234,600.00	0.00	100.0%
2010		9FUEL	A05303	92W00	WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE Fire	48,400.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	38,400.00	20.7%
2010	2011	H0002	A05303	H9220	<u>INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (TPA) T.S.J.</u>	75,182.00	75,182.00	0.00	75,182.00	0.00	100.0%
2010	2011	N0002	A05303	N9E50	WILDLIFE&PARKS PRGRM(UTB)(TPA) F+W	60,783.00	60,783.00	0.00	60,783.00	0.00	100.0%
2010		C0009	A05303	C9250	ROAD MAINTENANCE (TPA)	22,846.00	22,846.00	0.00	22,846.00	0.00	100.0%
2010	2011	T0002	A05303	T9370	CONTRACT SUPPORT (TPA) Fin	212,051.00	185,668.00	3,566.00	189,234.00	22,817.00	89.2%
2010	2011	E0002	A05303	E9040	JONSN O'MALLEY ASST GRNTS(TPA) Fin	75,281.00	75,281.00	0.00	75,281.00	0.00	100.0%
2010	2011	T0002	A05303	T9020	OTHER AID TO TRBL GOV (TPA) Fin	36,741.00	36,741.00	0.00	36,741.00	0.00	100.0%
TOTAL SPIRIT LAKE TRIBE						1,894,746.00	1,814,768.00	18,761.00	1,833,529.00	61,217.00	96.8%
GRAND TOTALS						1,894,746.00	1,814,768.00	18,761.00	1,833,529.00	61,217.00	96.8%