

Oyate Safe House

“We have no evidence there has been any problems, we have no evidence they did not respond to the issues.”

- Buckley Belanger, Minister, Community Resources, Regina Leader Post, Mar. 15, 2006

“At the time the question was posed to me in the Assembly, I stand by those answers. At the time there was no evidence that Oyate was doing anything wrong and that the performance was not there...”

- Buckley Belanger, Minister of Community Resources, June 27, 2006 media scrum

“The ultimate responsibility for the safety and the wellbeing of the children remains the obligation and responsibility of the Minister.”

- Investigative Report of the Oyate Safe House, Children’s Advocate’s Office, Page 13

“...as is the case with Oyate, it is the children who pay the price.”

- Children’s Advocate Office September 14, 2006 News Release

“The CAO has concluded that DCR was aware that Oyate was not in compliance with the service agreement, but more importantly knew that the children being placed in Oyate were not receiving the services they deserved or to which they were entitled.”

- Beyond At Risk Children: Systemic Issues Report, Children’s Advocate, Page 12

“During 2003 to 2005, DCR received allegations of inappropriate care of children, a sexual assault on a child, unfair labour practices, and misuses of public money”

“DCR did not always take appropriate action to remedy those concerns...”

- Provincial Auditor’s Report on Oyate Safe House, June 2006 pgs. 6 and 25