

The General Child
and Family Services
Authority

ANNUAL REPORT

**THIRD ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING
2005/2006**

SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

Norwood Hotel
112 Marion Street
Winnipeg, MB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jean Ayre, Chairperson
Jan Sanderson, Vice Chairperson
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VISION:

Healthy, Safe Children
Responsible, Nurturing Families
Caring Communities

MISSION:

The General Child and Family Services Authority is a non-profit organization responsible for the administration and provision of child and family services by the agencies under its jurisdiction.

The Authority is governed by a Board of Directors responsible for the management of fiscal resources, the development of policies and the establishment and monitoring of standards.

We are committed to the protection and care of children by building on the strengths of individuals, families and communities.

PRINCIPLES:

In conducting our business, the General Authority will apply and promote the following principles:

1) CHILD / FAMILY – CENTERED PRACTICE

- The best interest of the child is paramount.
- A child functions best within a supportive family and community. To the greatest extent possible, families will be supported to provide a healthy, safe environment.
- Policies and practices are strength-based, asset-focused and promote family and community-based systems of care and mutual support.

2) EFFECTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE SERVICES

- Quality services are designed to meet the needs of those we support.
- Services are evidence based, comprehensive, responsive and recognize and respect diversity.
- The delivery of quality service is best achieved through promotion and support of a well qualified workforce.
- Public accountability and fiscal responsibility are fundamental to the work of the Authority.

3) PARTNERSHIPS

- We value and promote partnerships with all stakeholders in the area of services to children and families

THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

12:00 Noon

Norwood Hotel

Winnipeg, Manitoba

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Welcoming Remarks – Jean Ayre, Chairperson**
- 3. Adoption of Minutes - 2005 AGM**
- 4. Remarks from Minister Christine Melnick**
- 5. Presentation of Keith Cooper Scholarship Recipients – Diva Faria**
- 6. Introduction of Steven Felgaier – Jan Sanderson**
- 7. Guest Speaker – Steven Felgaier, Ph.D., C. Psych.
Triple P – Positive Parenting Program
Healthy Child Manitoba**
- 8. Annual Report of the Chair of the Board of Directors – Jean Ayre**
- 9. Annual Report of the Chief Executive Officer – Dennis H. Schellenberg**
- 10. Presentation of the audited Financial Statements 2005/2006- Dale Brownlee**
- 11. Ratification of the Selection of Auditor for 2006/2007 – Dale Brownlee**
- 12. Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

(Lunch will be provided)

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS GENERAL CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICE AUTHORITY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

September 28, 2005

Viscount Hotel

5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Bea Jolly, Jan Sanderson, Doreen Draffin, Ellen Fleishman, Dale Brownlee, Jean Ayre (Chair)

REGRETS: Helen Wang, Guy Jourdain

STAFF: Dennis Schellenberg, Dale Robinson, Anne Pratt, Pat Wawyn, Holly Gammon

GUESTS: See Sign in Sheet

1. Call to Order at 5:15 p.m.
2. Jean Ayre, Chairperson, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the Second Annual General Meeting of the General Child and Family Services Authority
3. Motion made by Bea and seconded by Ellen to adopt the minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting. Carried.
4. Introduction of Guest Speaker Joan Durrant – Dennis introduced Dr. Joan Durrant, one of the principle authors of the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth.
 - Joan gave a presentation on the affects of child and adolescent abuse and her experience in co-authoring the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth.
 - The General Child and Family Services Board of Directors has endorsed the statement in principal until such time that it can hear feedback from its agencies.
5. Jean Ayre presented the new General Authority Logo to those in attendance and explained the meaning of the logo.
6. Report from the Chair – Jean gave her report on the activities of the Board of Directors for the 2004/05 year.
7. Report from the Chief Executive Officer – Dennis gave his report on the activities of the General Authority for the 2004/05 year.

8. Jean introduced the Honorable Christine Melnick, Minister of Family Services and Housing.
 - Minister Melnick brought greetings to the Board and thanked them for their hard work through this year.
9. Presentation of the Keith Cooper Scholarship Awards – Holly Gammon, Chairperson of the Keith Cooper Scholarship Awards Committee presented the names of the recipients of the awards for the year.
 - In attendance was one of the recipients – Darren McGillis who was presented with a gift certificate from the General Authority Board of Directors. The others will be sent to them in the mail.
 - The other recipients were:
 - i. Shimon Erdile
 - ii. James Billings
 - iii. Ashley Ball
 - iv. Ayisha Reid
10. Presentation of the Financial Statements – Dale Brownlee introduced Dale Robinson who presented the Audited Financial Statements for the 2004/2005 fiscal year.
 - Motion by Dale Brownlee and seconded by Doreen Draffin that the 2004/2005 Audited Financial Statements be accepted. Carried.
11. Motion by Dale Brownlee and seconded by Ellen Fleishman that we retain the services of Magnus and Buffie for the 2005/2006 fiscal year. Carried.
12. Jean closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance and welcomed everyone to remain afterwards for refreshments.

Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Anne Pratt, Recording Secretary

Jean Ayre, Chairperson

Guy Jourdain, Secretary

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

The year 2005 – 2006 has been a major milestone for the General Child and Family Services Authority Board of Directors. It is a year for reflection. What have been our accomplishments? What do we anticipate for the future?

In May 2003, eleven members were appointed for a three year term by the Minister. We were officially proclaimed as a Board on November 24, 2003. The model that was chosen to fulfill its mandate was that of a governance board.

In 2003, the Board envisioned three phases:

Phase I: Inaugural year from 2003 – 2004;

Phase II: Transitional year from 2004 – 2005;

Phase III: Resolution year in 2005 – 2006.

As mentioned in the Second Annual Report, we, as a board, felt that we had effectively accomplished the first two phases. This past year, we were able to focus on Phase III: Resolution. Our emphasis has been to monitor the challenges and effectiveness of the new system during the transition of programs and services as recommended in the AJI – CWI as it serves and benefits all Manitobans in the delivery of child and family services. There are still many challenges to be met.

One of the most crucial challenges to meet is to have **CHILD-FOCUSED** communications between the General Authority and each of the other three authorities and, through them, to the agencies under their jurisdiction. This communication has already proven to be essential as we have tried to meet the many challenges that result from transition and we look forward to the continuation and refinement of this communication.

For example, our CEO, Dennis Schellenberg, meets regularly with the CEOs of the other authorities. He shares our challenges with the other CEOs; and he reports their concerns and activities to us monthly. In particular, he has brought to our attention the activities and interest of the recent Child and Family Services Authorities Internal Review. Members of the Board also met with the Ombudsman to share our thinking regarding recommendations for improvements in the delivery of child welfare services within the mandate of the external review.

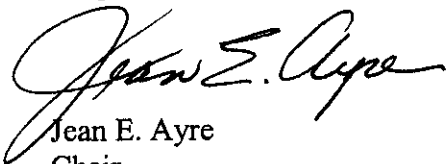
Similarly, our CEO has kept us up-to-date on some of the larger community issues. An example of this level of communication is our endorsement of the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth. As stated in our mission statement: ***“We are committed to the protection and care of children by building on the strengths of individuals, families and communities”***. So we welcomed the opportunity to make our commitment to children known.

There are three vacancies on the Board of Directors at the present time. The minister has been informed of these vacancies and is aware that all of the appointments of the current members will be ending November 24, 2006. We are optimistic that new appointments will be announced by that date. A majority of the members have indicated a willingness to continue to serve on the Board.

As my term as chair of the Board of Directors of the General Authority concludes, as does the three year appointments of the other members, I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with them as they have been deeply committed to applying and promoting the principles of our vision and mission statement. One of the reasons for the overall success of the Board has been their willingness to openly discuss relevant issues with all stakeholders within the government as well as other interested parties.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board and staff of the General Authority for their unwavering support. I would also like to thank our Minister, the Hon. Christine Melnick, for her support and interest in the accomplishments of the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean E. Ayre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jean" being particularly prominent.

Jean E. Ayre
Chair

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The fiscal year 2005/06 has been called the year of transition in Manitoba child welfare. It was during this year that the last and biggest agency in the province, Winnipeg Child and Family Services underwent the transition and transformation under AJI-CWI. It was also during this year that the Thompson office of Community Services Delivery finalized its transition as well. The transition of both these agencies posed different challenges of scale and complexity but much of the impact was similar. These events along with the establishment of a new First Nations South Authority agency, Animikii Ozoson, in the Fall of 2005 and the pending transfer of Winnipeg joint intake responsibilities, lead to the conclusion that the description as a year of transition is apt. There were transitions at the General Authority offices as well.

In the Fall of 2005, Sandie Stoker our Program Specialist for Child Protection and Family Services took a secondment as a Program Manager at the Joint Intake Response Unit (JIRU). Sandie's work as one of the first Program Specialists at the General Authority was critical in launching the work of the Authority and her departure immediately created a loss. Fortunately, we were able to hire Diva Faria who came to us from her Supervisor's position at JIRU. We want to convey our thanks to Sandie for her work with us and wish her all the best in her new position. And, welcome Diva. In the late weeks of 2005/06, Holly Gammon, the Program Specialist for Alternative Care and Adoption announced her departure as well. She was bound for a child welfare specialist position supporting the Integrated Service Delivery transition in the Community Services Delivery Division. She again was one of the early specialists at the Authority and made a significant contribution in establishing the work of that position. We thank Holly for her work with us and wish her well as she moves into another newly created position in another initiative. In the early weeks of the new fiscal year we were fortunate to attract Jeanette Grenier to this vacant position. Jeanette came to us from her former position as the Adoption Registrar at the Child Protection Branch. Both Diva and Jeanette have worked very hard to make these positions theirs and with the help of the veteran specialist, Pat Wawyn, they have work very hard to frame out the work as it goes forward beyond the time of transition. The data sheets in this report reflect some of their work.

The data sheets fall into two categories:

1. Province wide General Authority data taken on March 31, 2006.
2. Data from the General Authority Specialists reflecting the statutory requirements of the Authority and tracked throughout the year.

Let me just highlight a few items from these data sheets. The province wide General Authority data bears review in that it provides a point in time total of cases by type. By March 31, 2006 all the transfers under AJI-CWI had been completed so the 4,597 number of cases represents the clean number on that date. Please note that it does not include adoption and post-adoption services. In subsequent reports we will find a way to report on those numbers as well. In the Specialist data sheets there are a few interesting changes from last year. Please note the Child in Care Review Compliance Report. It

reflects a remarkable improvement in providing these reports. I want to make special mention of this and thank our agencies for their effective efforts. Also, the Requests for Change of Authority data indicates that more cases moved out of the General Authority than moved into the General Authority. All the other data sheets reveal that our Specialists were very busy with this work and I invite the reader to review all the data. I want to thank Sandie, Pat, Diva, Holly and Jeanette for their continued energy and dedication to the goal of making the General Authority a vital and effective organization. These data sheets don't nearly represent all the other work involved in their jobs and I want to acknowledge that as well.

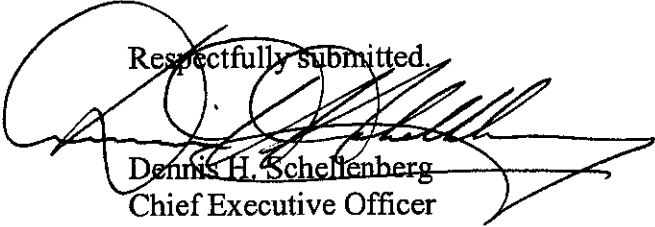
During this year the common table experienced certain changes. The common table is a generic term which describes any forum when the four Authority partners and government meet in common session. The Standing Committee is the main common table and will continue permanently beyond the transition period. Jay Rodgers became the new Director of Child and Family Services in the last quarter of 2005/06. His support and style has been instrumental in moving many of the Standing Committee initiatives forward. The Implementation Committee, another common table, has transformed itself into the Restructuring and Development Committee (RDC). Here again we have seen a change in government representation. Sid Rogers left his position as the Managing Director of Strategic Initiatives of the Child and Family Services Division to be replaced by Carolyn Loeppky. While Sid's contribution to the roll out of AJI-CWI and his ability to build bridges between the partners was been widely recognized and will be missed, Carolyn has a different skill set and is ready to assist moving the common table's agenda forward. The JIRU Interim Board became a de facto common table with the decision to invite Jay and Carolyn as permanent guests of the Interim Board. So many of the issues at the JIRU Interim Board interface with common initiatives and widening the discussion forum has proven effective.

The planning for the JIRU "go live" continues apace. The delays in mandating this agency as a separate agency has been a function of elements of the external environment such a protracted labour negotiation which has resulted in an arbitration. The Interim Board is now set on a late Fall, 2006 "go live" date and the tasks to be accomplished have been set in a rigorous work plan. Meanwhile, intake services for Winnipeg remains the responsibility of Winnipeg Child and Family Services.

The effectiveness of the work we do is largely built on the strengths of the relationships we form. I am very pleased to report that the relationships at all levels of the General Authority are solid and effective. The staff continues to support and mentor each other as new processes come into place and complex cases come to the attention of the Authority. I want to thank all the staff for their continued dedication to our work together. In this I want to make special mention of Dale Robinson our CFO and Anne Pratt our Administrative Assistant. Their continued efforts to support the Board and the overall work of the General Authority is extraordinary and I want to thank them. The Board too continues to be a vital and supportive component of the organization. They continue to provide the necessary foundation for the Authority, a solid base on which the work of myself and the staff can rely. I thank them for this job well done. I want to make a

special mention of Jean Ayre's work as Board Chair. Jean understood from day one the importance of developing sound relationships with the Board, with myself and the staff and with our agencies. She has been very good at working on this and the Authority has benefited greatly from that work. She has always been a caring and supportive Board Chair while making her expectations very clear. I want to thank Jean for her work as the Chair. We will miss her in that role.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis H. Schellenberg
Chief Executive Officer

GENERAL AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

March 31 2006

PROVINCIAL CASELOAD	CIC	Families	EPS	TOTAL
CFS Central	73	212	9	294
CFS Western	111	423	36	570
Churchill Regional Health	16	13	0	29
Eastman Region	133	249	5	387
Interlake Region	46	123	0	169
Jewish Child and Family	16	233	1	250
Northern Region	83	105	2	190
Parkland Region	19	57	1	77
Winnipeg Region	1,049	1,570	12	2,631
sub-TOTAL	1,546	2,985	66	4,597

CIC = Child in Care Only does not include Child in Care Supervision

Families = Protection and Voluntary Family Service files

EPS = Expectant Parent Services files

CHILD IN CARE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE STATUS	Inuit	Mets	Non Status	Treaty Status	Not Aboriginal	TOTAL
CFS Central	0	4	0	2	67	73
CFS Western	0	5	1	19	86	111
Churchill Regional Health	5	3	0	8	0	16
Eastman Region	0	14	1	20	98	133
Interlake Region	0	4	2	2	38	46
Jewish Child and Family	0	0	0	0	16	16
Northern Region	0	14	7	35	27	83
Parkland Region	0	0	3	7	9	19
Winnipeg Region	2	111	71	233	632	1,049
sub-TOTAL	7	155	85	326	973	1,546

GENERAL AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

March 31 2006

CHILD IN CARE-LEGAL STATUS	WARDS	VPA	OTHER	TOTAL	Order of Supervision
CFS Central	21	32	20	73	7
CFS Western	58	16	37	111	17
Churchill Regional Health	8	7	1	16	0
Eastman Region	53	55	25	133	9
Interlake Region	20	16	10	46	3
Jewish Child and Family	12	0	4	16	0
Northern Region	42	11	30	83	10
Parkland Region	7	3	9	19	0
Winnipeg Region	521	335	193	1,049	31
sub-TOTAL	742	475	329	1,546	77

WARDS = Permanent Wards, Temporary Wards and Voluntary Surrender of Guardianship

VPA = Voluntary Placement Agreement

Other = Apprehension, Petition Filed and Transitional Planning

CHILD IN CARE - PLACEMENTS	FH	RC	OPR	SAP	ONP	TOTAL
CFS Central	48	2	11	1	11	73
CFS Western	60	6	21	2	22	111
Churchill Regional Health	5	9	1	0	1	16
Eastman Region	81	4	30	0	18	133
Interlake Region	23	8	15	0	0	46
Jewish Child and Family	14	0	2	0	0	16
Northern Region	41	10	20	0	12	83
Parkland Region	9	1	3	1	5	19
Winnipeg Region	546	91	315	37	60	1,049
sub-TOTAL	827	131	418	41	129	1,546

FH = Foster home, Foster home staffed and specialized

RC = Residential Care/Group home facility

OPR = Place of Safety, Not Known, Out of Province, Independent Living

SAP = Select Adoption Probation

ONP = Correction, Health/Mental Health or Own home/relative placements

CHILD IN CARE ANNUAL REVIEW COMPLIANCE REPORT				
AGENCY/REGION	# DUE	# RCV'D	COMPLIANCE %	COMPLIANCE %
			2005/2006	2004/2005
CFS Central	14	14	100.00%	28.00%
Churchill CFS	6	6	100.00%	100.00%
Eastman	31	31	100.00%	100.00%
Interlake	12	12	100.00%	95.00%
JCFS	7	7	100.00%	50.00%
Northern	25	25	100.00%	72.00%
Parkland	6	6	100.00%	94.00%
Western	36	36	100.00%	48.00%
Winnipeg	367	298	81.00%	74.00%
	504	435	86.00%	73.00%

* A monthly breakdown is also available

REQUESTS FOR CHANGE OF AUTHORITY 2005/2006

	GA to Metis	GA to FNN	GA to FNS	All Authorities to GA	TOTAL REQUESTS
REQUEST APPROVED	4	8	9	17	38
REQUEST DENIED*	5	4	6		14
					52

*Requests to change authority that are denied are based on

The Child and Family Services Authorities Regulations 9(5) which states:

The authorities must not approve a request to change an authority of service if

(a) a child abuse investigation or a proceeding involving a child in the family under Part III of *The Child and Family Services Act* (child protection) is ongoing or:

(b) a proceeding involving the family under *The Adoption Act* is ongoing.

EXTENSIONS OF CARE AND MAINTENANCE

AGENCY	REASON FOR REQUEST			TOTAL
	Completion of High School	Waiting for Supported Living Services to Begin	Independent Living Skills Development	
Winnipeg	9	4	4	17
Interlake	2	0	0	2
Eastman	0	0	1	1
Central	2	0	2	4
Western	8	1	0	9
Northern	2	0	1	3
Parkland	1	0	0	1
Jewish	0	0	0	0
Churchill	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	25	5	8	38

MIXED FACILITY LICENSES

AGENCY	TOTALS
Winnipeg	15
Interlake	4
Eastman	0
Central	0
Western	0
Northern	0
Parkland	2
Jewish	0
Churchill	0
TOTAL	21

LICENCE VARIANCES

Agency	Regulation 7(5)	Regulation 7(4)	Regulation 7(1)	Regulation 7(3)	Regulation 25(c)	Total
Winnipeg	1	0	0	0	1	2
Interlake	0	0	1	0	0	1
Central	1	0	0	0	0	1
Eastman	2	0	1	0	0	3
Western	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parkland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Churchill	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	0	2	0	1	7

Regulation 7(5)

Of the children cared for “no more than two can be infants and no more than three can be under the age of five years”.

Regulation 7(4)

“Licensee shall not provide care and supervision in the foster home for more than a total of seven persons.”

Regulation 7(1)

“A foster home may be licensed by a licensing agency to provide care and supervision for not more than four children.”

Regulation 7(3)

“A licensing agency may license a foster home to provide residential care and supervision for more than four foster children where all the foster children in the foster home are siblings.”

Regulation 25(c)

“A foster child over two years of age does not share a bedroom with an adult.”

Child Death Notifications

- The General Authority receives copies of all Child Death Notifications that fall under the jurisdiction of a General Authority Agency.
- The Program Specialist checks the Child and Family Services Information System to determine if the child or the child's family is known to a General Authority agency.
- If the child or the child's family is known to an agency, the Child Death Notification is then faxed to that agency.
- In cases where agencies are currently involved or have been involved within the last year with the child or the child's family, the agencies are required under Section 182 of the Child and Family Services Program Standards to submit a standardized report to their Authority by the end of the next working day.
- If the CME receives notification about a deceased child who, at the time of death or within a one-year period preceding the death, was in the care of an agency, the CME will conduct a review regarding the services provided and will make recommendations in a report to the Minister of Family Services and Housing.
- The CME report is copied to the Authority, which has the responsibility of responding to the recommendations to the Director of Child and Family Services on behalf of the service provider agency.

<u>Child Death Notifications</u>					
Agency	Number of Child Death Notifications	Type of Agency Involvement			Number of CME Reports Received
		Child in Care	Open Family File	Family History	
Winnipeg	23	6	6	17	8
Western	5	1	2	3	2
Central	3	0	1	2	0
Parkland	0	0	0	0	0
Northern	0	0	0	0	0
Interlake	2	0	1	1	0
Eastman	0	0	0	0	0
JCFS	0	0	0	0	0
Churchill	0	0	0	0	0
Total	33	7	10	23	10

Cause of Child Death

Agency	Natural	Accidental	Homicide	Suicide	Undetermined
Winnipeg	11	2	7	3	0
Western	2	2	0	1	0
Central	2	1	0	0	0
Interlake	2	0	0	0	0
Total	17	5	7	4	0

Services to Minor Parents

- The General Authority receives copies of all Notices of Live Birth to a Mother under age 18.
- The Program Specialist checks the Child and Family Services Information System to ensure that services have been offered to the minor parent. If services have not been offered, the Program Specialist follows-up with the agency.
- In cases where the minor parent is under 14 years of age, the Program Specialist has contact with the agency to ensure that the appropriate procedures have been followed to determine if an abuse investigation should be conducted.

Notices of Live Birth to a Minor Parent

Agency	Number of Notices of Live Birth to a Mother Age 14 to 18	Number of Notices of Live Birth to a Mother Under Age 14	Total
Winnipeg	90	11	101
Western	13	0	13
Central	14	1	15
Parkland	1	1	2
Northern	7	1	8
Interlake	5	0	5
Eastman	6	1	7
JCFS	0	0	0
Churchill	0	0	0
Total	136	15	151

Services to Families

Voluntary Placement Agreements

- Under Section 14(1) of the *Child and Family Services Act*, an agency may enter in to an agreement with a parent, guardian or other person who has actual care and control of a child, for placing the child without transfer of guardianship in any place which provides child care where that person is unable to make adequate provision for the care of that child.
- The Program Specialist reviews and approves all Voluntary Placement Agreements entered into by General Authority Agencies.
- The Program Specialist provides all mandated agencies with a Voluntary Placement Agreement Quality Assurance Report on a regular basis.

Voluntary Placement Agreements	
Agency	Number of Agreements
Winnipeg	805
Western	54
Central	61
Parkland	3
Northern	67
Interlake	35
Eastman	86
JCFS	0
Churchill	29
Total	1140

* Total number of agreements includes Renewals of already-existing Voluntary Placement Agreements

**CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
GENERAL AUTHORITY
April 01, 2005 to March 31, 2006**

INQUIRIES

AGENCY	REFERRAL SOURCE			PROGRAM			TOTAL
	Self	Dept.	Other	Protection	Child in Care	Other	
Child & Family Services of Central Manitoba		8	2	5	1	4	10
Child & Family Services of Western Manitoba		18	11	10	8	11	29
Jewish Child & Family Service	3	5	1	2	6	1	9
Churchill Regional Health Authority	1	2	2		5		5
Winnipeg Child & Family Services	29	171	56	119	86	51	256
Eastman Region	3	10	8	13	6	2	21
Interlake Region	2	8	6	10	4	2	16
Parkland Region		1	1	1	1		2
Northern Region		7	4	2	5	4	11
General	4	4	4	2	1	9	12
TOTALS	42	234	95	164	123	84	371

**GENERAL CHILD AND FAMILY
SERVICES AUTHORITY**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2006

GENERAL CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AUTHORITY
MARCH 31, 2006
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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
The General Child and Family Services Authority

We have audited the statement of financial position of the General Child and Family Services Authority as at March 31, 2006 and the statements of revenues and expenses, fund balances and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the General Child and Family Services Authority as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Magnus & Buffie

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

April 24, 2006

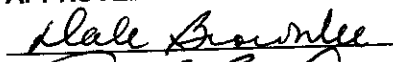
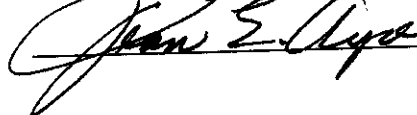
GENERAL CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
MARCH 31, 2006

	OPERATING FUND	TRANSITION FUND	AGENCY FUND	TOTAL 2006	TOTAL 2005
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 165,677	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165,677	\$ 209,003
Accounts receivable	43,295	-	298,872	342,167	215,612
Prepaid expenses	3,350	-	-	3,350	3,350
Interfund balances	(98,819)	98,819	-	-	-
	113,503	98,819	298,872	511,194	427,965
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 3)	-	45,214	-	45,214	58,118
	\$ 113,503	\$ 144,033	\$ 298,872	\$ 556,408	\$ 486,083

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 5,771	\$ 1,391	\$ 298,872	\$ 306,034	\$ 253,812
Deferred contributions (Note 4)	65,376	97,428	-	162,804	151,366
	71,147	98,819	298,872	468,838	405,178
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATING TO CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 4)	-	45,214	-	45,214	58,118
FUND BALANCES	42,356	-	-	42,356	22,787
	\$ 113,503	\$ 144,033	\$ 298,872	\$ 556,408	\$ 486,083

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

 Director
 Director

GENERAL CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	OPERATING FUND	TRANSITION FUND	AGENCY FUND	2006	2005
REVENUE					
Province of Manitoba					
Operating grant	\$ 558,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 558,500	\$ 542,100
Transition grant (Note 4(ii))	-	53,938	-	53,938	111,602
Transition grant relating to capital assets (Note 4(iii))	-	12,904	-	12,904	5,466
Agency grants (Note 5)	-	-	6,014,972	6,014,972	6,668,504
Miscellaneous grants	10,045	-	-	10,045	72,938
Interest and other	708	1,069	-	1,777	1,347
	<u>569,253</u>	<u>67,911</u>	<u>6,014,972</u>	<u>6,652,136</u>	<u>7,401,957</u>
EXPENSES					
Agency allocations (Note 5)	-	-	6,014,972	6,014,972	6,668,504
Agency support	-	-	-	-	14,876
Amortization	-	12,904	-	12,904	5,466
Board expenses and meetings	11,338	-	-	11,338	14,365
Insurance	2,920	-	-	2,920	3,533
Interest and bank charges	363	-	-	363	350
Miscellaneous grant expenses	10,045	-	-	10,045	72,938
Office and miscellaneous	19,218	18,060	-	37,278	25,224
Professional services	46,575	36,785	-	83,360	42,953
Rent	30,937	-	-	30,937	29,412
Resource transfer table meeting expenses	-	24	-	24	8,135
Resource transfer table staffing support	-	-	-	-	36,726
Software - agency support	-	-	-	-	11,250
Telephone	6,268	-	-	6,268	6,182
Training	1,208	-	-	1,208	475
Travel	2,559	138	-	2,697	11,214
Wages and benefits	418,253	-	-	418,253	421,575
	<u>549,684</u>	<u>67,911</u>	<u>6,014,972</u>	<u>6,632,567</u>	<u>7,373,178</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 19,569	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,569	\$ 28,779

**GENERAL CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006**

	OPERATING FUND		TRANSITION FUND		AGENCY FUND		2006	2005
Balance, beginning of year	\$	22,787	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 22,787	\$ (5,992)
Excess of revenue over expenses		19,569		-		-	19,569	28,779
Balance, end of year	\$	42,356	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 42,356	\$ 22,787

GENERAL CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	2006	2005
CASH FLOW FROM (USED IN)		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 19,569	\$ 28,779
Amortization	12,904	5,466
Recognition of deferred contributions	(53,938)	(111,602)
Amortization of deferred contributions relating to capital assets	(12,904)	(5,466)
	<u>(34,369)</u>	<u>(82,823)</u>
Changes in the following		
Accounts receivable	(126,555)	(215,612)
Prepaid expenses	-	1,650
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	52,222	242,820
	<u>(108,702)</u>	<u>(53,965)</u>
INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of capital assets	-	(63,584)
Receipt of deferred contributions	65,376	-
	<u>65,376</u>	<u>(63,584)</u>
	(43,326)	(117,549)
(DECREASE) IN CASH		
CASH, beginning of year	209,003	326,552
CASH, end of year	<u>\$ 165,677</u>	<u>\$ 209,003</u>

GENERAL CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2006

1. ORGANIZATION

The General Child and Family Services Authority (the "Authority") was established November 24, 2003 under The Child and Family Services Authorities Act. The Authority is a non-profit organization responsible for the administration and provision of child and family services by the agencies under its jurisdiction, being Child and Family Services of Western Manitoba, Child and Family Services of Central Manitoba, Jewish Child and Family Service, Churchill Child and Family Services, Winnipeg Child and Family Services Branch and Rural and Northern Services Branch (Interlake, Eastman, Parkland, Northern).

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles using the following significant accounting policies:

(a) Fund accounting

The Authority records its activities in the following funds:

(i) Operating fund

This fund accounts for the activity relating to the principal activity of the Authority (Note 1).

(ii) Transition fund

The Province of Manitoba has provided one-time transition funding in support of the restructuring of the child and family services system, as initiated under the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry - Child Welfare Initiative. Funding is to be used to support the resource transfer process and the development of the corporate infrastructure of the Authority and mandated child and family services agencies under the jurisdiction of the Authority. The resource transfer process involves the transfer of cases from agencies under the jurisdiction of the Authority to the Metis Child and Family Services Authority, Northern First Nations Child and Family Services Authority, and First Nations of Southern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority. All contributions to this fund are externally restricted for this purpose.

(iii) Agency fund

The Province of Manitoba provides the Authority with grant payments for the private mandated child and family services agencies under its jurisdiction. As set out in Section 19 of The Child and Family Services Authorities Act, the Authority is responsible for determining funding allocations among its mandated agencies. The mandated agencies include both private agencies and government offices, which have different funding arrangements with the Authority. Private agencies receive all of their funding from the Authority (excluding child maintenance), while government offices receive funding directly from government based on the approval of allocations by the Authority. All contributions to this fund are externally restricted for this purpose.

(b) Revenue recognition

The Authority follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Externally restricted contributions are deferred and recognized as revenue in the applicable fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the applicable fund when received or receivable.

Externally restricted contributions for the purchase of capital assets are deferred and recognized as revenue on the same basis as the amortization expense related to the acquired capital assets.

GENERAL CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2006

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(c) Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost and are amortized over their estimated useful lives based on the following rates and methods:

	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Method</u>
Computer software	3 years	Straight line
Furniture and fixtures	5 years	Straight line
Leaseholds	5 years	Straight line

(d) Income taxes

The Authority is a non-profit entity and is exempt from income taxes.

(e) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

(f) Financial instruments

It is management's opinion that the carrying value of the Authority's financial instruments approximates their fair value and that the Authority is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments.

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	
			2006	2005
Computer software	\$ 1,400	\$ 856	\$ 544	\$ 1,011
Furniture and fixtures	11,799	3,238	8,561	10,921
Leaseholds	50,385	14,276	36,109	46,186
	\$ 63,584	\$ 18,370	\$ 45,214	\$ 58,118

4. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

Deferred contributions in the operating fund relate to a \$50,000 grant from the Province of Manitoba for the Joint Education & Training Initiative and a \$15,376 grant from the Province for the Marion Street Resource Centre Initiative for site development. The balance continuities are as follows:

(i) Deferred contributions

	2006	2005
Beginning balance	\$ -	\$ -
Add contributions	65,376	-
Province of Manitoba		
Ending balance	\$ 65,376	\$ -

GENERAL CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2006

4. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS (continued)

Deferred contributions in the transition fund relate to a one-time grant from the Province of Manitoba for transition funding. The balance continuities are as follows:

(ii) Deferred contributions	2006	2005
Beginning balance	\$ 151,366	\$ 262,968
Less amounts recognized as revenue in the year	53,938	111,602
Ending balance	\$ 97,428	\$ 151,366

(iii) Deferred contributions relating to capital assets	2006	2005
Beginning balance	\$ 58,118	\$ 63,584
Less amounts amortized to revenue	12,904	5,466
Ending balance	\$ 45,214	\$ 58,118

5. AGENCY GRANTS

The Authority received funding from the Province of Manitoba in the amount of \$6,014,972 (2005 - \$6,668,504) to be allocated to the agencies under its jurisdiction. The Agency grants were allocated as follows:

Agency	Child and Family Services Division			
	Child Protection Branch	Strategic Initiatives Branch	Total 2006	Total 2005
Child and Family Services of Central Manitoba	\$ 2,319,900	\$ -	\$ 2,319,900	\$ 2,306,555
Child and Family Services of Western Manitoba	3,394,972	67,200	3,462,172	4,135,849
Jewish Child and Family Services	222,200	-	222,200	215,700
Churchill Regional Health Authority	10,700	-	10,700	10,400
Total	\$ 5,947,772	\$ 67,200	\$ 6,014,972	\$ 6,668,504

Child maintenance is paid directly to the above agencies from the Province of Manitoba and is not included in the accounts of the Authority.

GENERAL CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC SECTOR COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006
(in thousands of dollars)

Pursuant to the disclosure required by the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act, \$6 of remuneration or other benefits were paid to board members during the year.

The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act also requires all publicly funded bodies to disclose compensation to any employee or officer when such compensation exceeds \$50 per annum. This information follows:

EMPLOYEE	TITLE	COMPENSATION	
		2006	2005
Dennis Schellenberg	Chief Executive Officer	\$ 93	\$ 91
Dale Robinson	Chief Financial Officer	71	69
Patricia Wawyn	Community Inquiry Specialist	64	62
Holly Gammon	Children in Care Specialist	63	62
Sandra Stoker	Child Protection and Family Services Specialist	-	53