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TO: State-Tribal Relations Committee

FROM: Cynthia Hollimon

RE: Federal Funds to Montana for Child and Family Services

This memo is in response to the committee's request for information regarding federal monies disbursed to tribes in Montana for various Child and Family Services purposes. The only federal disbursements found to be clearly earmarked for child welfare comes from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), though there may be more that aren't clearly identifiable. The data used for this memo is from the BIA budget request for federal fiscal year 2015 which ended on September 30, 2015.

If you have further questions regarding this information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 444-5387 or chollimon@mt.gov.

FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS TO MONTANA FOR CHILD WELFARE

The information included in this memo comes from publicly available budget documents from the BIA website (reports from US DOJ and US HHS did not appear to allocate funds to tribes specifically for the purposes of child welfare). The monies here are BIA Tribal Priority Allocations funding basic tribal services that include child welfare.

The following table illustrates the budget provided to the BIA for some aspects of human services to tribes (and tribal agencies) in FFY 2015. In the budget report (<http://www.indianaffairs.gov/cs/groups/xocfo/documents/text/idc1-025942.pdf>), the BIA breaks human services expenditures into the following categories: social services, ICWA, welfare assistance, other, and housing improvement program. Montana's tribes receive funds for all of these except welfare assistance. The table includes only social services, ICWA, and other as these categories may include funds for child welfare activities.

It is likely that these numbers are different from the actual disbursements for child welfare expenditures since there is no way, using this data, to split those services out from the other funded social services.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Human Services Budgeted Allocations for FFY 2015						
	Blackfeet	Crow	Fort Belknap	Fort Peck	Northern Cheyenne	Total
<u>By Service</u>						
Social Services	\$329,000	\$482,900	\$172,300	\$625,300	\$404,000	\$2,013,500
ICWA	75,700	77,500	65,700	67,100	61,600	347,600
Other	<u>25,900</u>	-	<u>15,600</u>	-	-	<u>41,500</u>
Total*	\$430,600	\$560,400	\$253,600	\$692,400	\$465,600	\$2,402,600
*Some of the tribes also receive housing improvement funding from the BIA, but as that is clearly not funding for Child and Family Services activities, that is not included here.						