

Kristi Jordan

From: Brian Guthrie
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 10:48 AM
To: Kristi Jordan; Jessica Olson; Mike Morrissey; Andres Alcantar
Subject: FW:

FYI....

From: Steve McCraw
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 10:37 AM
To: Brian Guthrie; Amanda Arriaga; Katherine Cesinger; Kyle Mitchell
Subject: Fw:

Please forward to Krista

----- Original Message -----

From: Steve McCraw
To: Robert Black; Robert Bodisch; Brian Newby; Kathy Walt; Kris Heckmann; David Cabrales
Sent: Tue Apr 08 10:30:35 2008
Subject: Fw:

Brian, I need to update you on this before your meet.

----- Original Message -----

From: Colley, Jack <Jack.Colley@txdps.state.tx.us>
To: Steve McCraw
Sent: Tue Apr 08 10:06:26 2008
Subject:

You need to call me. There has been an outbreak of Chickenpox at the shelter. Many concerns. I am stopping the move for tomorrow. I have told Cary and David Lakey, we must know what their plan is for seperation. This is getting out of hand.

A detailed operations plan has been requested since this is a highly complicated and risky operation. The plan must be approved by HHSC Commissioner Albert Hawkins, DFPS Commissioner Carey Cockerell, DSHS Commissioner David Lakey, Steve McCraw, Jack Colley, and the on scene commander, Texas Ranger Bob Bailey.

The goal is to ensure that the separation takes place in the smartest way possible to minimize any negative consequences. Although the plan is not fully developed yet, the current scenario is to have the removal happen on Sunday night, 4/13. Not only does the separation of the adult women need to happen for CPS to be able to conduct their investigation and gain needed information from the children, but it has also been encouraged by attorneys ad litem (children's attorneys appointed by the court) already on the scene. (Since there will likely be hundreds of attorneys ad litem representing the children, the court has appointed two master attorneys ad litem to oversee all of the children's attorneys.)

The State will gain access to San Angelo's coliseum on Monday morning and will undertake a precision operation to prepare the coliseum appropriately in time for the arrival of the children for the evening meal. As a result of other events that have taken place in the coliseum, the facility will need to be cleaned thoroughly before the cots, blankets, etal are moved in.

We have also communicated to DFPS to continue looking at the totality of this operation/investigation - the children, the shelter operations, the investigation, the judge, the district attorney, the attorneys ad litem. There are many moving parts, and they all play a key role.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Kristi

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From: Kristi Jordan
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 8:35 PM
To: Steve McCraw; Robert Black; Brian Newby; Mike Morrissey; Kris Heckmann; Kathy Walt; Jack Colley; David Cabrales; Ken Armbrister
Cc: Jessica Olson; Brian Guthrie; Kyle Mitchell; Ann-Marie Price; Sophie Yanez; Jim Harrison; Robert Bodisch; Gretchen Essell; Jerry Tucker
Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL UPDATE: Eldorado Situation

For your information, this is a copy of the court order requiring the children to stay in San Angelo.

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From: Kristi Jordan
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 1:51 PM
To: Steve McCraw; Robert Black; Brian Newby; Mike Morrissey; Kris Heckmann; Kathy Walt; Jack Colley; David Cabrales; Ken Armbrister
Cc: Jessica Olson; Brian Guthrie; Kyle Mitchell; Ann-Marie Price; Sophie Yanez; Jim Harrison; Robert Bodisch; Gretchen Essell; Jerry Tucker
Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL UPDATE: Eldorado Situation

I just spoke to Steve, and he asked me to relay the following:

We have reason to believe as a result of interviews that some of the mothers are planning to conduct a "run." Their objective would be to hide from law enforcement authorities. As a result of this information, the following actions are going to occur:

1. Substantially increase the staff on site
2. Increase the number of law enforcement personnel outside the facilities
3. Tell the adults that they would be moved to the coliseum, which is in close proximity to the Wells Fargo building being utilized to house those infected with the chicken pox

Also under consideration:

1. Directly confronting the adult women and advising them that we are aware that some of them are considering leaving the compound with their children in violation of the court order 2. A Plan was discussed with DFPS Commissioner Carey Cockerell to remove the three "first" wives, who have substantial influence over the other adult women and have been engaged in obfuscation from the outset of the operations. A plan has been drawn up by the on scene commander, Bob Bailey, to remove these three women when a final decision is made to do so.

Thank you,
Kristi

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From: Kristi Jordan

Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2008 2:09 PM

To: Steve McCraw; Robert Black; Brian Newby; Mike Morrissey; Kris Heckmann; Kathy Walt; Jack Colley; David Cabrales; Ken Armbrister

Cc: Jessica Olson; Brian Guthrie; Kyle Mitchell; Ann-Marie Price; Sophie Yanez; Jim Harrison; Robert Bodisch; Gretchen Essell; Jerry Tucker

Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL UPDATE: Eldorado Situation

I just spoke with Steve, and he relayed the following information:

The judge is not going to allow the move to Midlothian to take place. The City of San Angelo cannot continue to support this operation, so the State will assume that responsibility Monday afternoon. Everyone will be moved to the San Angelo Coliseum, which will be made available by the city as of Monday afternoon.

The children will stay in the coliseum at least until April 17th, which is the first mandatory court date.

There is still concern about infectious diseases with so many people in a constrained area, but the coliseum will make the children more comfortable than their current situation in part because it will have air conditioning.

The Lieutenant Governor has called and wants to be personally briefed by Steve McCraw and DFPS Commissioner Carey Cockerell at 3:00 pm today.

(As a side note, I went to the City of San Angelo website and found some information on the coliseum and a picture, for your reference: http://www.sanangelotexas.us/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={63AFBC1B-3247-4CB1-A15A-704185DD598B}&DE={E71DDDB5-EF98-43A3-936E-AF7DBBFEP005}. It also has information on Fort Concho.)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Kristi

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From: Kristi Jordan

Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 9:07 PM

To: Kathy Walt; Jessica Olson; Brian Newby; Mike Morrissey; David Cabrales; Steve McCraw; Jack Colley; Kyle Mitchell; Kris Heckmann; Robert Black

Cc: Brian Guthrie

Subject: Re: Meeting at SOC: Today at 5:30 pm

We just concluded the meeting. The following summarizes the discussion:

-- A team of people, including Commissioner Hawkins, Commissioner Cockerell, Commissioner Lakey, Jack Colley and Steve McCraw, will travel to San Angelo tomorrow morning to provide assistance to those communicating with the presiding judge on the proposed transfer to the Salvation Army facility in Midlothian (nearest facility able to accommodate the number of people at issue and the special needs of the children)

-- If the judge approves the transfer, the following transfer process was discussed as the most viable transfer scenario: the children and adult women at the San Angelo shelter will

be transported by bus to Midlothian. Significant discussion took place at the meeting with regard to when the separation of the children and adult women will take place and the logistics involved.

Due to security concerns with the separation taking place in San Angelo, DFPS is planning to recommend to the judge that the children and adults be allowed to board the bus together in San Angelo, but will be told prior to arriving in Midlothian that the children will be staying in separate living quarters from the adult women at the Midlothian shelter (the mothers of the 75 infants will remain in the same living quarters as the infants). Essentially, the remaining children will be separated from the adult women who are not accompanying infants so that the interviewing can proceed. With this option, the women and children will be in the same general location but DFPS would be allowed to proceed with its investigation in a controlled setting. Security will need to be upgraded to prevent unauthorized interaction with the children and escalating conflict.

-- The above is predicated upon 1) approval from the judge of the transfer to Midlothian, and 2) approval from the Salvation Army to provide separate living quarters for the children and adult women (Salvation Army indicated it would not allow the conflict associated with the separation to occur in its facility, which is why the separation would occur at a secure location prior to entering the Salvation Army grounds).

-- At this time, it is anticipated the transfer will occur on Friday.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Kristi

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From: Kristi Jordan
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 6:59 PM
To: Steve McCraw; Robert Black; Brian Newby; Mike Morrissey; Kris Heckmann; Kathy Walt; Jack Colley; David Cabrales; Ken Armbrister
Cc: Jessica Olson; Brian Guthrie; Kyle Mitchell; Ann-Marie Price; Sophie Yanez; Jim Harrison; Robert Bodisch; Gretchen Essell; Jerry Tucker
Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL UPDATE: Eldorado Situation

There are currently 424 children and 133 adult women at the shelters in San Angelo, but we expect those numbers to increase this evening. An additional shelter has been opened in San Angelo to address the capacity issue at the existing San Angelo shelters.

A Salvation Army camp has been identified in Midlothian, so the current plan is to move the children and women to Midlothian on Wednesday.

For your information, I have listed the media inquiries made to DFPS below.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Kristi

INFORMATION REDACTED

DFPS Media Interviews -April 6, 2008

Newspapers & Magazines
San Angelo Times
Star Telegram
Deserette Times, Utah
L.A. Times
Associated Press
Reuters Wire Service
Houston Chronicle
N.Y. Times
Dallas Morning News
Salt Lake Tribune
Sydney Morning Herald