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**{In Archive} Re: Fw: Advice from JIRS**

Stacey Maloney to: Anthony Holton

Cc: Leanne Kelly

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Hi Anthony,

I do not think any contact with the parents until the investigation is complete is appropriate for the following reasons:

1. There are a number of parents that are still quite emotional about the situation and a lot of work has been done by Leanne to try and keep them contained and focused on the court proceedings. Some of the parents have expressed their desire to remove their children from the court proceedings and it is my view that any outside influences or stressors such as the YMCA may initiate this action.
2. The majority of the parents involved with the YMCA at this stage feel that they are somewhat complicit in relation to how their children were offended against. I am not sure what purpose it would serve for the YMCA to meet with these parents, however it would be my submission that no contact be made with them until the completion of the court process.
3. The non-publication and suppression order stipulates that we are unable to provide the YMCA with the details of the children that are currently victim's in the matter. The YMCA would have knowledge of some of these victims as many of their staff were interviewed in relation to the matter however no information has been formally provided to them. I am unable to establish how the YMCA could discuss any of the details with the families given that nothing has been formally provided to them by way of details of offences, children's names etc. The most recent victim is not currently known to the YMCA however was offended against whilst he was in their care.

Given the above, I DO NOT feel it is appropriate for the YMCA to have any discussions with the parents regarding an Operational action plan until such time that all court proceedings have been complete (Given the accused has indicated that he may be entering a plea of guilty the matters, this maybe within a short time-frame)

Personally I feel that the YMCA should be liaising with Police, Community Services and Children's Services in order to establish an Operational action plan. I believe that if they were to approach parents it would only demonstrate that the YMCA were neglectful in the protection of their children and were unprepared for such events if they were to occur. I also have concerns about the lack of formal checks completed regarding the employment history of the accused as there were allegations made against the accused whilst he was a YMCA worker in the United States.

In regards to court this morning, there were 4 people at the mention who appeared to be discussing a formal meeting relating to the Lord matter. The YMCA appeared to be mentioned a number of times and I just got the feeling that they were to gather information in relation to holding the YMCA accountable. I am not sure whether it is worth mentioning to Liam as there is not much more information I can provide to him.

Let me know if you need any further information in relation to any of the above!

Kind regards,

Stacey