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Children & Youth Investigation previously submitted to council et al.

In summary, my child was a victim in a child abuse case with the perpetrator being non family. I received four different decisions on the case; Indicated, Unfounded, Indicated Unfounded. The information provided to me by persons of authority indicates that the CYS employees who signed the "Indicated" report always intended for the decision to be an indication for child abuse, but a CYS attorney changed the decision to "Unfounded" on his own (twice). The details are attached to this email.

I would like the attached email previously submitted to council members, county solicitor, and CYS director to be included in the minutes of the meeting.

Since you have all read the attached email (submitted in May 2023) prior to this meeting, I have several follow up questions that can be answered by either the Luz County Chief Solicitor, the CYS director, Luzerne County DHS director, County Council or all.

Of these questions, two of the most important questions that I have posed that have gone unanswered for over one year include:

1. Is my child's CYS case a legitimate, "Unfounded" decision and if so, please explain since the employees who signed the "Indicated" for child abuse report have denied any knowledge, nor had any intention of submitting an "Unfounded" decision. Further, it was provided to me in writing that Attorney Paul Galante changed the decision to unfounded on his own, "...as the manager of the legal department."
2. Does Atty Paul Galante have the unilateral authority to override, change, or direct CYS personnel to change final investigative decisions once a case is appropriately signed, and closed?

I would expect these answers to be provided to me at this meeting. It's been nearly two years without answers as to why I'm holding 4 different decisions that include the same CYS employee signatures.

Thank you

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