

Misspent Monies

Contracted Group Homes

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In 2003-2004, the PDD Boards paid \$342 million to provide services to adults with developmental disabilities. Although there are approximately 900 service providers, 100 service providers receive 90% of the funding from the Boards.

At the request of management, we performed a forensic audit on the contracting practices of two service providers that led to the recommendation that the PDD Boards audit those service providers with a high risk of breaching their contracts. One Board is currently trying to recover \$3.38 million from a service provider.

Following our forensic audit work on specific contracts, we audited the Boards. Contracting policies and monitoring processes. We have recommended that the Boards strengthen their contract management by improving the accountability reporting of service providers, instituting risk-based internal audits, and evaluating service performance. Failure to properly control contractual obligations can result in a reduced standard of care for clients and excessive costs.

"Rise in the presence of the aged, and honour the face of the old man. . ."
-Leviticus 19:32

Elder Advocates Of Alberta Society

May 16, 2005

Ms. Sheila Weatherall, CEO
Capital Health Authority
Edmonton, AB.
University of Alberta

Dear Ms. Weatherall:

Pearl Villa Homes (Group Homes) Bashir Quereshi

The Auditor General's Report of 2004 reported that ***Pearl Villa Homes*** were found to have **misspent \$3.4 million dollars.**

Pearl Villa Homes had been given a multi million – dollar contract with most of the money intended to pay employees providing client care. But over three years, one fifth of that money either should have been spent on direct care or returned to the province, and it was not.

Please advise us as to what has been done about retrieving this money **which was intended for the care of frail, vulnerable, elderly Albertans?**

Thank you. We would be grateful to be in receipt of a response by the 26th of May, 2005.

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Per:

Ruth Maria Adria

The Honourable Ms Yvonne Fritz, Minister Seniors and Community Support Services
Honourable Ms. Iris Evans, *Minister of Health and Wellness*
Dr. Kevin Taft, MLA, *Leader of the Official Opposition.*
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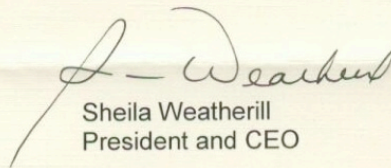
Dear Ms Adria:

Thank you for your letter about Pearl Villa Homes and I am sorry for the delay in responding.

Pearl Villa Homes was a former contractor under Capital Health's Personal Care Home Program. The contract was terminated on December 31, 2003 and we do not have any information on the funds in question.

Best wishes and kindest regards.

Sincerely,



Sheila Weatherill
President and CEO

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Media Information

Pearl Villa Homes

**Correspondence has been sent to
Ms. Sheila Weatherall, President & CEO
Capital Health Authority,
requesting information concerning the
Pearl Villa Homes and misspent monies.**

**According to the Auditor General's Report of 2004, *Pearl Villa Homes*
were found to have **misspent \$3.4 million dollars.****

The recipient / owner of a generous *contract* with the *Capital Health Authority*
for some 10 *contracted* Group Homes is now working as a Realtor in
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elderly Albertans?**



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