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1. Nettie Strople (“Strople”) is a Registered Nurse by training and education. She has not worked as a Public Health Nurse.
2. Strople currently works as a Program Manager with Youville Clinic in Winnipeg.
3. Strople worked as a Team Manager with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (“WRHA”) from 2003 to 2006.
4. In December 2004, Strople managed a team working in the Downtown West area of Winnipeg. The team included Public Health nursing staff and Home Care nursing staff, and staff known at the time as Baby First Home Visitors.
5. The team at the time included Mary Wu, Public Health Nurse.
6. A Public Health Nurse (“PHN”) works relatively autonomously in the community. PHNs are experienced nurses able to function with little supervision. However if a PHN felt he/she needed consultation, Strople was available to the PHN as a resource. Strople was part of her team’s performance review process, chaired team meetings, ensured payroll was done. She did not review individual client files or get involved with client decision-making unless her involvement was specifically called for.
7. Strople has reviewed Commission Disclosure #1791, Samantha Kematch’s 2004 Public Health file, in preparation for these proceedings, and in particular pp. 36813-36814, an excerpt from Mary Wu’s progress notes.

8. Strople has no notes or records of the interactions and discussions noted on these pages.
9. Strople has little recollection of the interaction noted. She has a vague recollection of Mary Wu calling her to tell her that she had had a conversation with Child and Family Services; and Strople suggesting to Mary Wu that she call Donna Romaniuk. Donna Romaniuk had been a Team Manager longer than Strople, and was a contact within the organization for support around *Personal Health Information Act* issues.
10. Strople does not recall giving any advice to Mary Wu on how to deal with Child and Family Services.
11. Strople doesn't think she was ever contacted by anyone at Child and Family Services in relation to this matter.