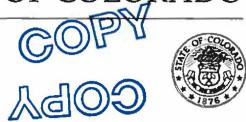


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MEMORANDUM—

TO

Members of the General Assembly

FROM:

Marva Livingston Hammons, Executive Director

DATE:

March 24, 2004

SUBJ:

Revision To 12/12/03 Memo Re: Abandoned Infant Report Pursuant To C.R.S.

§ 19-3-304.5 (6)

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John Bernhart, County Liaison Matthew Flora, Legislative Liaison

Liz McDonough, Communications (public information officer)

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The Honorable Alice J. Nichol State Senator 200 East Colfax, Room 346 Denver CO 80203

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The Honorable Gayle Berry State Representative 200 East Colfax, Room 271 Denver CO 80203

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