



**MINISTER
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

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Ms Deena Brock
Director Manitoba Association of Women's Shelter
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Dear Ms Brock:

I am pleased to advise that the Manitoba government's Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP), in partnership with End Homelessness Winnipeg, has received approval to implement the HIFIS case management system in all 10 women's emergency shelters in Manitoba.

This initiative has been a priority for our government as well as the family violence shelter sector. The implementation of HIFIS will not only result in more accurate and consistent data reporting, but will also provide benefits for the sector, including improved access to disaggregated data, increased communication between shelters, as well as saved time and resources for both FVPP-funded agencies and the clients they serve. The use of HIFIS will contribute to an enhanced client experience during the most critical time of accessing support.

Department staff will be sending out further information shortly. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Nadine Smith, Family Violence Prevention Program at 204-794-1073 or by email at Nadine.Smith@gov.mb.ca.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the work you do in the family violence community in Manitoba. I look forward to hearing about the benefits that HIFIS will bring to the sector.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Cox".

Honourable Cathy Cox
Minister responsible for the Status Women