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Delivered via Email

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Dear Ms. Lapointe:

Re: Response to Recommendations regarding the Coroner's Inquest into the deaths of: Brandon Jansen

Further to your request, please find below Fraser Health's response to the jury recommendations regarding the death of Mr. Brandon Juhani Jansen.

Recommendation #8:

Consult with persons with lived experience with substance use dependency in policy and program development.

Fraser Health Mental Health & Substance Use (MHSU) and Population and Public Health (PPH) consult with people with lived experience (PWLE) in policy and program development. People with lived experience are also involved in service delivery planning and service delivery. Examples include multiple focus groups and interviews with PWLE to inform strategy, policy and interventions regarding naloxone distribution and supervised consumption sites. A peer coordinator position has been established to work with peer networks (e.g. Surrey Area Network of Substance Users) and facilitate development of additional networks. Peer networks are directly involved in Take Home Naloxone (THN) distribution and administration. MHSU has a long established history with involving PWLE in the planning of MHSU services and has an established peer support worker infrastructure.

Recommendation #9:

Require all substance use treatment centres to educate clients with opioid use disorders about opioid maintenance treatments, the risks of relapse, ensure the understanding of tolerance levels, training for the use of naloxone, and provision of naloxone kits upon discharge.

All Fraser Health MHSU endorsed substance use treatment centres have substance related psycho-education programming and have been mandated to provide take-home-naloxone.

Recommendation #11:

Provide opioid dependent users ready access to opioid replacement interventions.

Two MHSU run opioid agonist therapy clinics are already operating and there is active planning for seven more. Work is underway to improve access to buprenorphine-naloxone (Suboxone) in emergency departments and improving quick follow-up by community substance use services.

Recommendation #12:

Expand diacetylmorphine and hydromorphone treatment programs for chronic opioid users.

At the direction of the Ministry of Health, we continue to develop and enhance our current opioid agonist clinics while also beginning to plan for injectable diacetylmorphine.

Sincerely,



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