

## **SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW**

### **Of the Death of a Youth in the Care of the Director in 2019**

#### Circumstances of the Fatality

The review examined the case files of a youth who died while in the care of the director. The director was providing guardianship services to the youth at the time of their death.

#### Findings

The youth experienced health issues throughout their time in care. The director collaborated extensively with the youth's parent and community service providers to support the youth. The director arranged several Family Group Conferences to address the youth's safety and well-being, as well as their changing needs. The director did not complete child protection responses in a timely manner and did not utilize assessment tools to guide their decision-making for the youth and their family.

Prior to the case review being finalized, the involved staff completed specific overdue children protection responses. Additionally, the Directors of Operations and Practice met with the involved staff to review the importance of completing child protection work in a timely manner. A plan was developed for the team leader to continue to address timelines, documentation and completion of assessment tools in regular supervision with staff; these consultations would be documented on the file.

#### Actions

No further actions were required to address the findings of the review.

**The review was completed in September 2020.**