

SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW

Of the Death of a Youth Known to the Director in 2019

Circumstances of the Fatality

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

Findings

The director made consistent offers to support the family in addressing the youth's health needs prior to their death. The family declined these offers, as they were involved with a care team of community professionals who collaborated regularly to address the youth's needs. Reports about critical injuries the youth experienced prior to their death were not submitted; these would have provided leadership an opportunity to consider what support and assistance could have benefitted the family and assisted in meeting the director's legal obligation to inform the Representative for Children and Youth.

Actions

The involved Service Delivery Area leadership and the Quality Assurance team developed an action plan to organize a discussion with the involved staff focused on when to submit Reportable Circumstance Reports, particularly in coordination with other involved program areas.

The review was completed in July 2020. The above action plan was fully implemented in October 2020.