

SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW

Of the Death of a Child in the Care of the Ministry in 2018

A. INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Children and Family Development (the ministry) conducted the File Review (FR) to examine case practice regarding the subject child (the child).

For the purpose of the FR, ministry records and BC Coroners Service documents were reviewed. The FR focused on a specific period of ministry involvement prior to the death of the child.

B. TERM OF REFERENCE

1. Did the ministry work collaboratively with the child's guardian to develop, implement and monitor a care plan, especially in relation to their health concerns?

C. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The ministry had longstanding involvement with the child since birth due to the parent's high-risk issues, and their ability to care for the child's special needs. The ministry provided support services, which included ministry programs, community support workers, and several community professionals, who worked cooperatively to support the child and the family. Initially extended family members cared for the child; however, their special needs required extensive care, and the family requested the ministry provide residential services for them. The child was Indigenous, and their community was actively involved in planning for the child's well-being. The child was in the care of the ministry at the time of their death.

D. FINDINGS

1. The ministry developed a care plan for the child, in collaboration with their Indigenous community, family, and care team, which appropriately met their

needs. Policy, practice, or organizational and service delivery factors did not contribute to the outcome of this incident.

E. ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE

Not applicable.

F. ACTION PLAN

Not required.

The review was completed in September 2018.