



BC CORONERS SERVICE
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March 5, 2018

Attn: Lisa Lapointe, Chief Coroner

Dear Ms. Lapointe:

RE: Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) Death Review Panel Report Recommendations

This letter is in response to the recommendation the panel made as follows:

By February 2018, the BC Coroners Service, in partnership with relevant stakeholders will:

- Develop Information Sharing Agreements with relevant partners;
- Develop requirements for statistical tracking and accountability measures;
- Establish timelines and content for provincial public reporting; and
- Establish a process to improve reconciliation of documentation.

While some work remains outstanding, I am pleased to report the following:

Development of Information Sharing Agreements between relevant partners:

- The BCCS will soon be finalizing an Information Sharing Agreement with the Vital Statistics Agency that will allow a final reconciliation of reported MAiD deaths between the agencies to occur

Develop requirements for statistical tracking and accountability measures:

- The BCCS has established a data base for that allows for tracking of the critical data elements captured in the MAiD reporting documents
- The BCCS and the regulatory colleges (Physician & Surgeons, Registered Nurses and Pharmacists), have established quarterly meetings to address ongoing issues and develop guidelines for consideration of the eligibility criteria and safeguards

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Establish timelines and content for provincial public reporting:

- The BCCS, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health, has been providing quarterly MAiD data updates to Health Canada
- The BCCS has been compiling and releasing a monthly update on total MAiD deaths, by health authority

Establish a process to improve reconciliation of documentation.

- The BCCS has worked with the Fraser, Interior, Northern, Vancouver Coastal and Vancouver Island health authorities to establish a monthly reconciliation process to ensure MAiD deaths are being reported to both the BCCS and the health authority (if applicable)

The BC Coroners Service is committed to working with the related stakeholders to ensure the concerns that gave rise to the recommendation are addressed. I undertake to confirm, by letter to you, the outcome of these efforts once complete.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JTB', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Jatinder (Taj) Baidwan
Chief Medical Officer & Coroner