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Dear Ms. Lapointe:

**Re: Verdict at Inquest into the death of: HIRSI, Abdi Gani
Mahamud BCCS Case File #2015-0380-0007**

Thank you for your letter regarding the inquest into the death of Abdi Gani Mahamud Hirsi. BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) has reviewed the verdict and the jury recommendations involving BCEHS (“BC Ambulance Service”) and other agencies, and provides the following response:

Recommendation 9: ‘BC Ambulance Service should review their policy which provides for the circumstances in which Paramedics may determine “obvious death” and not provide medical interventions.’

BCEHS Clinical and Medical Programs accepts this recommendation and will review the clinical policy that contemplates the circumstances under which Paramedics determine obvious death and do not provide medical interventions. Any changes to the clinical policy will be made in accordance with this review and best clinical practice.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,



Barb Fitzsimmons
Chief Operating Officer
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Provincial Health Services Authority