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**Re: Coroner's Inquest; Travis Rood
BCCS Case Files # 2015-0380-0005**

Ms. Lapointe:

Thank you for your letter regarding the inquest into the death of Travis Rood. BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) has reviewed the verdict and the jury recommendations involving BCEHS ("BC Ambulance Services") and other agencies, and provides the following response:

Recommendation 7: 'Review and improve integrated training exercises for incident responses that involve multiple agencies'

BCEHS participates in large scale exercises in preparation for events that overwhelm our capacity to care for patients. We have participated with a number of agencies in preparation for such events through such exercises as Vancouver International Airport air accident response, Lower Mainland Police Service Active-Shooter exercises and a recent Salish Sea exercise, involving sea, air and land responses during a disaster scenario. The exercises provide high value for BCEHS and our partners in preparation for large scale, multi-casualty incidents, and our Emergency Management Office continues to engage with internal and external stakeholders to ensure we are prepared to respond to such events. As such, BCEHS views that this recommendation is complete.

Recommendation 8: 'Review and improve incident command training'

BCEHS has recently enhanced our Incident Command Training. For this event, it was appropriate for BCEHS staff to rely on the scene control and information provided by the responding police members. As this incident had the element of a police-involved shooting, and involved three possible patients, BCEHS would follow the on scene command as directed by the police. BCEHS's enhancements to incident command training completes this recommendation.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Yours truly,



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