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**RE: Verdict at Inquest into the death of:
SALVANY SAILES, Juan Carlos
BCCS Case File #2016-0380-0010**

Response to Jury Recommendations

#3. *Re-Examine the importance of mental health treatment in regards to addiction recovery and to make available mental health services on-site to support clients.*

Last Door has re-examined the Salvany Sailes circumstance in detail and we are satisfied with the level of importance placed on mental health services at our facility.

Fraser Health Mental and Substance Use Services (FHMHSUS) and Last Door recognize comorbidity between mental health and addictions and FHMHSUS strongly supports contracted agencies in addressing clients' potential mental health issues. Mental health services available to clients at Fraser Health funded services is excellent.

FHMHSUS provides Concurrent Disorder Therapists to support clients in their subcontracted services. Individuals who display mental health concerns are referred given timely appointments and transported to and from appointments by staff.

Every effort is made to liaise with Mental Health services locally and FHMHSUS makes joint training and networking opportunities between mental health and substance use service providers available regularly.

FHMHSUS also offers an Early Psychosis Intervention Program that meets the needs of MHSUS client's.

Caseworkers and counsellors at the Last Door have addiction specific training that includes dealing with clients in crisis. Clients displaying acute mental health crisis are transported voluntarily to Royal



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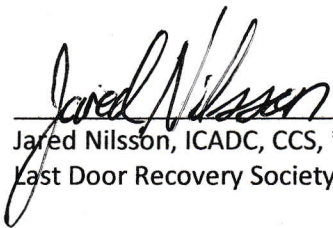
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Columbia hospital for specific psychiatric assessments and treatment plans. Upon release follow up treatments are monitored by staff and our Addiction Specialist Physician. If clients refuse to attend the hospital the local Police are available for transport and have shown ultimate compassion and care when dealing with clients in crisis.

Privately funded clients who are identified as needing additional mental health services are promptly connected with local Psychiatrists who develop care plans and treatments that are adhered to by staff and supervised by our facility physician.

Sadly, none of these services were relevant in the Salvany Sailes case. Juan Carlos did not display mental health issues while in treatment and had completed his stay Last Door more than a year before his death. It seems his death may be attributable to drug induced psychosis.



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*Mr. David Pavlus, Executive Director is on extended medical leave