

SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW

Of the Death of a Youth Known to the Ministry

A. INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Children and Family Development (the Ministry) conducted a File Review (FR) to examine case practice regarding the subject youth (the youth). For the purposes 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 youth.

B. TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Determine whether guardianship and planning responsibilities were carried out consistent with the expectations outlined in policy and legislation, particularly those related to a care plan, and collaboration with a Ministry program.

C. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The Ministry had longstanding involvement with the parent due to concerns of criminal behaviour, high-risk behaviours of the parent, and parental capacity. The youth came into Ministry care because the parent was unable to manage the youth's high-risk issues. These issues continued and a Ministry program became involved. The youth was not Aboriginal.

D. FINDINGS

1. The Ministry's guardianship and planning responsibilities were partially met as the youth's care plan was not completed in a timely manner, and issues were identified with guardianship practice responsibilities. The Ministry was aware the youth was engaging in high risk activities; risk reduction planning was not utilized by the care team.

E. ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE

Not applicable.

F. ACTION PLAN

1. The Community Services Manager provides the Executive Director of Service with a written plan to address the identified issues.
2. Regular case focused supervision/consultation occurs between Team Leaders and their staff; these consultations are documented in ICM.

This review was completed in July 2016. The above Action Plan was due for full implementation in October 2016.