

## **SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW**

### **Of the Death of a Youth in the Care of 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 were reviewed. The FR focused on the period of ministry involvement prior to the death of the youth.

#### **B. TERM OF REFERENCE**

1. Were the ministry's guardianship responsibilities to the youth met, and reflected within a care plan; particularly in relation to their special needs.

#### **B. BACKGROUND SUMMARY**

The ministry had longstanding involvement with the youth and family due to concerns about parental high-risk behaviours, and the ability to care for the youth in relation to the youth's special needs. The youth was brought into ministry care and resided with relatives in an out of care arrangement. The out of care arrangement did not meet the youth's needs as the relatives were unable to provide the high degree of special care and monitoring that was required. A specialized resource was created that could accommodate the youth's special needs. The youth was Aboriginal, and was in the care of the ministry at the time of death.

#### **D. FINDINGS**

The ministry achieved their guardianship responsibilities for the youth in relation to the special needs. Throughout the period under review, extensive notes documented the intricate and detailed planning necessary to meet the youth's special needs. Planning for the youth was initiated. The youth's needs were met through ministry involvement and collaborative planning with family, caregiver's, the Aboriginal community, community agencies, and community support workers. The youth's death was related to special needs; no practice concerns were identified.

#### **E. ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE**

Not applicable.

## **F. ACTION PLAN**

No action plan required.

**The review was completed in November 2016.**