

## **SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW Of the Death of a Youth in the Care of the Director**

### **A. INTRODUCTION**

The Ministry of Children and Family Development (the ministry) conducted the file review to examine the case practice and services provided to the subject youth. The purpose of the review was to: examine case practice in relation to legislation, policy, and standards; as well as inform learning and improvement toward future case practice.

For the purpose of the file review, Delegated Aboriginal Agency (the agency) records and BC Coroners Service documents were reviewed. The review focused on the period of the Agency's involvement prior to the death of the youth.

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

1. Was a service plan developed, implemented, and monitored to address the youth's safety and well-being in accordance with relevant policy and legislation?

### **C. BACKGROUND SUMMARY**

The agency had extensive involvement with the youth's family due to high risk issues and criminal behaviours. The youth was Indigenous and was in the continuing care of the director at the time of death.

### **D. FINDINGS**

A service plan was, for the most part, developed, implemented and monitored. A current care plan was in place and the social worker exceeded the requirement of monthly contact with the youth. Additional supports to assist the youth to connect more closely to their Indigenous community may have been beneficial.

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

1. N/A

## **F. ACTION PLAN**

As Agency practice was in compliance with policy and legislation, an actions plan was not required.

**The review was completed in December 2017.**