

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 the File Review (FR) to examine case practice regarding the subject youth (the youth).

For the purpose 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. TERM OF REFERENCE

1. Did the youth's care team work together to develop, implement and review a care plan; especially with regard to their specific needs?

C. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The ministry had longstanding involvement with the family due to concerns with the parent's high risk issues. The family cooperatively participated in support services; however, the parent was not able to resume care and the youth was placed in the care of the Ministry.

While in care, the youth became involved in a high risk lifestyle; safety planning and community support services were provided to address their needs. While the youth was resistant to receiving services, the care team developed a positive, supportive relationship with them, and included them in planning to the best of their ability. The youth was Indigenous and in care at the time of their death.

D. FINDINGS

1. The youth's care team collaborated to develop, implement, and review a care plan specific to meet their needs. Significant efforts were made to support planning into adulthood, which included involvement with the youth's Indigenous community. Ministry policy and practice did not contribute to the youth's death.

E. ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE

Not applicable.

F. ACTION PLAN

Not required.

The review was completed in March 2018.