

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 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. Were the ministry's guardianship responsibilities carried out with regard to a collaborative care plan with the youth's parents, caregivers, and service partners?

C. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The ministry had longstanding involvement with the parents and youth due to the youth's special needs. The youth was in care at the time of death as the parents were unable to meet these needs. Intense service provision was in place to meet the youth's special needs, and the parents were engaged with the ministry and involved service partners. The youth was not Indigenous.

D. FINDINGS

1. The ministry's guardianship responsibilities were carried out through the development and implementation of a collaborative plan of care that addressed the youth's specific need. Ministry practice and policy did not contribute to the child's death.

E. ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE

None applicable to this FR.

F. ACTION PLAN

An action plan was not required.

The review was completed in March 2018.