

SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW Of the Death of a Child Known to 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 child (the child).

For the purpose of the FR ministry records were reviewed. The FR focused on a specific period prior to the death of the child.

B. TERM OF REFERENCE

1. Was a care plan developed, implemented and monitored to meet the child's needs, particularly in relation to medical concerns and permanency?

C. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The ministry had a longstanding issue with the child's parent due to parental capacity and high risk behaviors. The child was born with a specific issue and required specialized supports. The child was brought into the care of the ministry as the parent could not provide the required specialized care and was not able to address the high risk behaviors. The child did not leave the community facility following birth. The child was not Indigenous.

D. FINDINGS

1. The assessment of the child's needs including a specific issue was exemplary. The child remained in the community facility until death due to the specific issue. A specialized resource was being created for the child while exploration occurred of extended family to provide permanency. During the short time the child was in ministry care, the social worker contacted medical professionals to assess the child's current needs, participated in care team meetings, and documented the child's needs in a care plan. The child's death was not related to outstanding unaddressed specific issues.

E. ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE

Not applicable.

F. ACTION PLAN

Actions were not required to address the findings of the report.

The review was completed in May 2018.