

Memorandum

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Deputy Minister of Justice

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TO: Andre Tremblay
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DATE: March 11, 2024

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SUBJECT: **Alexandru Radita Fatality Inquiry:**
Request for a Response to Recommendation

Please find enclosed a copy of the Honourable Justice S.L. Van de Veen's report to the Minister of Justice regarding the public fatality inquiry into the death of Alexandru Radita. This report will be publicly released on March 25, 2024. Please do not share the contents of the report in any manner that would cause it to become available publicly prior to this time.

The following recommendations may impact Health:

- It is recommended that Alberta Health Services (AHS) initiate professional dialogue between traditional medical practitioners and natural medical practitioners in an attempt to create more reliable public health information and eliminate misinformation which undermines public health.

By way of background, counsel for Alberta Health Services indicated that the Ministry of Health would be the most appropriate entity to review this recommendation as AHS has no oversight of natural medical practitioners and limited oversight of medical practitioners that practice only in AHS facilities.

I ask that you please advise the following:

1. Whether Health accepts in principle, does not accept, or has a different response to the recommendation.
2. A brief explanation of why that decision was made.
3. If Health intends to accept the recommendations, or to implement different measures, what steps will be taken in that regard.

A response to this enquiry is not mandatory. However, be advised that this memorandum and any response received will be publicly released and posted on the Open Government Portal: <https://open.alberta.ca/opendata/responses-to-public-fatality-inquiry-recommendations>.

Please email Health's response to the Fatality Inquiry Coordinator Abid Mavani, at abid.mavani@gov.ab.ca

If a response has not been received by July 25, 2024 (four months from the public release date of Justice Van de Veen's report), that information will also be made publicly available.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Original Signed

Malcolm Lavoie

Attachment