

## Memorandum

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**TO:** Evan Romanow  
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13th Floor, TELUS House

**DATE:** November 27, 2023

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**SUBJECT:** **Briella Johanne Brooks Fatality Inquiry: Sending request for a response to recommendation**

Please find attached a copy of the Honourable Justice J.J. Moher's report to the Minister of Justice regarding the public fatality inquiry into the death of Briella Johanne Brooks. This report will be publicly released on December 11, 2023. 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 recommendation may impact Mental Health and Addiction:

It is recommended that the Government of Alberta increase public awareness and funding for programs addressing substance misuse including increasing public awareness and education focused on the dangers of any exposure of infants and children to any amount of methamphetamine or other illegal drugs.

I ask that you please advise the following:

1. Whether Mental Health and Addiction 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 Mental Health and Addiction intends to accept the recommendation, 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 Mental Health and Addiction's response to Fatality Inquiry Coordinator Abid Mavani at [abid.mavani@gov.ab.ca](mailto:abid.mavani@gov.ab.ca)

If a response is not received by April 11, 2024 (four months from the public release date of Justice Moher's report), that information will also be made publicly available.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

*Original Signed*

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Attachment

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