

January 28, 2022

Sherri Wilson
Deputy Minister of Children's Services
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Dear Deputy Minister Wilson:

**Subject: Nevaeh Charette – Public Fatality Inquiry
Response to Recommendations**

Please find enclosed a copy of the Honourable Judge T.W. Achtymichuk's report to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General regarding the public fatality inquiry into the death of Nevaeh Charette. Judge Achtymichuk's report will be publicly released on February 18, 2022.

The following recommendations may impact Alberta Children's Services:

- Children's Services (CS) ensure that CS front line staff in the intervention arm are well trained in getting youth and their families in need of mental health support services, in contact with the Family Resource Network (FRN) using warm hand-offs.
- CS ensure that FRN staff are adequately trained in 1) providing a connection between CS on the one hand, and AHS and other agencies or services dealing with mental health intervention, clinical services and crisis management on the other hand, 2) making warm hand-offs for those referrals, and 3) where warm hand-offs are not possible, ensuring follow up with the youth or family about those referrals.
- CS complete a substantive review of the youth suicide prevention training for CS staff.

I ask that you please advise the following:

1. Whether Alberta Children's Services accepts, accepts in principle, does not accept, or has a different response to each recommendation;
2. A brief explanation of why that decision was made; and
3. If Alberta Children's Services 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 letter 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>.

If a response has not been received by June 20, 2022, that information will also be made publicly available.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

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