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Dear Madam:

**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. This report will be publicly released on February 18, 2022.

The following recommendations made by His Honour may impact Alberta Health Services (AHS):

- Alberta Health Services (AHS) standardize the practice of, and dedicate staff and other resources to, the follow up by direct contact with youth and their families about recommendations and referrals that are made after a person is discharged from an assessment or treatment at a hospital or elsewhere, for mental health issues like suicide risk.
- AHS consider options for increasing the reliability of health professionals being available to provide in-person mental health clinical and other support services in small or isolated communities when it is needed.
- AHS continue to develop, implement and evaluate, both during and after the COVID pandemic, the existing new programs giving youth more direct access to mental health support services using warm hand-offs for referrals and more wrap around services.

I ask that you please advise the following:

1. Whether AHS accepts in principle, does not accept, or has a different response to the recommendations;
2. A brief explanation of why that decision was made; and
3. If AHS 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 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, (four months after the public release date), that information will also be made publicly available.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

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