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Dear Ms. Lajeunesse:

Thank you for your letter of July 29, 2023, regarding Honourable Justice C.D. Gardner's report to the Minister of Justice and the public fatality inquiry into the death of Trevor Clinton Eisel.

The Inquiry recommended the following:

- That RCMP policies and procedures relating to incidents in which there are mental health concerns involving a party to such an incident, that all reasonable steps be taken to ascertain whether or not that party is under a physician's care and if so, to attempt to contact that physician and seek medical advice regarding how best to deal with the situation.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) supports the recommendation.

The RCMP Tactical Operations Manual is being amended to authorize the Critical Incident Commander and the Crisis Negotiation Teams (CNT) to access all available relevant subject matter experts and resources, and to carefully consider any recommendations made. This includes making every reasonable effort to request appropriate resource assistance from medical professionals, such as psychologists, psychiatrists, and counsellors for guidance and possible strategies to assist in the negotiation process and professional opinion.

In Alberta, the CNTs are supported by a team of Mental Health Practitioners (MHP) in efforts to peacefully resolve high risk critical incidents. These MHPs have access to Alberta Health Services patient records and information and are able to assist in multiple ways with the goal of a successful, safe and peaceful incident resolution.

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It is critically important for Canadians to feel protected by the police, and paramount that employees, communities, partners and Canadians have trust and confidence in the RCMP. Ensuring the safety and well-being of all remains our top priority.

Yours sincerely,

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