

**BY E-MAIL**

March 14, 2023

Evan Romanow  
Acting Deputy Minister, Mental Health and Addiction  
Edmonton AB

Dear Acting Deputy Minister Romanow:

**Subject: Haley Marie Penney – Public Fatality Inquiry  
Response to Recommendation**

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Please find enclosed a copy of the Honourable Judge B.R. Hougestol's report to the Minister of Justice regarding the public fatality inquiry into the death of Haley Marie Penney. This report will be publicly released on March 29, 2023. Please do not share the contents of the report in any manner until after this date.

The following recommendation may impact Mental Health and Addiction:

- It is recommended that the Government continue to study the PCHAD program and consider how it might be better coupled with after PCHAD therapy.

**A request for a response to this recommendation has also been sent to Alberta Health Services.**

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; and
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 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 July 31, 2023 (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,

*Abid Mavani*

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Fatality Inquiry Coordinator  
Encl – Report of Judge Hougestol

cc Jennifer Poirier, Acting Chief of Staff, Addiction and Mental Health