

March 12, 2021

Dennis Cooley, PhD
Associate Deputy Minister
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Dear Associate Deputy Minister Cooley:

**Subject: TDM, TCM, TMB, and DB - Public Fatality Inquiry
Response to Recommendation**

Please find enclosed a copy of the Honourable Judge J.E. Schaffter's three reports to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General for the deaths of the above-noted four young persons. This report will be publicly released on April 2, 2021.

The following recommendation made by Judge Schaffter may impact Solicitor General:

- All of the youth reviewed had been involved in the youth criminal justice system. Adult Drug Treatment Courts provide a pre-sentence alternative for addicted offenders that integrates justice, health services and treatment. These programs have shown a high degree of success and the Alberta Government has committed to the creation of additional Adult Drug Treatment Courts in the Province of Alberta. Drug Treatment Courts for youth could similarly provide assistance to youth experiencing substance use disorders that have brought them into contact with the youth criminal justice system by the provision of the wrap around services. **The Ministries of Justice and Health should inquire into the feasibility of the creation of Youth Drug Treatment Courts.**

I ask that you please advise the following:

- a) Whether Solicitor General accepts, accepts in principle, does not accept, or has a different response to the recommendation;
- b) A brief explanation of why that decision was made; and
- c) If Solicitor General 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, please 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 August 3, 2021 (four months from the public release date) that information will also be made publicly available.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

Original Signed

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Fatality Inquiry Coordinator

Enclosures