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Dear Abid:

Re: TDM, TCM, TMB, and DB (Youth Opioid Overdoses) – Public Fatality Inquiry, Response to Recommendations

Thank you for providing the Honourable Judge J.E. Schafter's three reports. This letter is to provide a response to the two recommendations that may impact AHS.

## **Recommendation 1**

Government ministries should investigate and actively facilitate the operation of early intervention services for children effected by trauma in rural areas.

Response

AHS does not accept this recommendation. (Complete)

The recommendation that government ministries should investigate and actively facilitate the operation of early intervention services for children effected by trauma in rural areas is outside the jurisdiction of Alberta Health Services.

## **Recommendation 2**

Brain Development and training in the trauma informed approach should be maintained and enhanced.

AHS accepts this recommendation. (Complete)

AHS launched the first online module of the Trauma Informed Care (TIC) series, "What is Trauma Informed Care?", in August 2015. The resources were made available on the AHS learning management system (MyLearningLink) as well as 'Drop Box' for external learners. The full TIC learning series (six modules) became available in May 2017.

The Developmental Pathways of Addiction and Mental Health modules have been available through AHS MyLearningLink and Primary Health Care Learning Portal (Absorb) since 2017.

As of 2017, the Office of Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development approved 22 CME study credits which has been renewed every three years since. The modules will be updated this year and will also add a French version of module 10.

Overall, 5810 participants completed the modules between April 2019 and March 2021 (4308 through MLL and 1502 through Absorb).

Sincerely,

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