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Via email: kajorins@tbh.net

Shonath Kajorinne, R.N.
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Dear Ms. Kajorinne:

Re: Inquest into the deaths of Seven First Nations Youths:

**Jethro ANDERSON (d. 11/Nov/2000); Reggie BUSHIE (d. 01/Nov/2007);
Robyn HARPER (d. 13/Jan/2007); Kyle MORRISSEAU (d. 10/Nov/2009);
Paul PANACHEESE (d. 11/Nov/2006); Curran STRANG (d. 26/Sep/2005);
Jordan WABASSE (d. 10/May/2011)**

**OCC Inquest File No.: Q2016-26
Date Inquest Jury Verdict &
Recommendations Received: 28 June 2016**

The jury in the inquest into the deaths of seven First Nations youths has made recommendations which your organization may be in a position to implement. Please report back regarding your consideration to implement the recommendations relating to your organization by completing the attached chart, *Responses to Jury Recommendations*, and applying the appropriate response codes. Your response is requested by **June 28, 2017**.

A list of other organizations also requested to report back is provided.

It is important to explain the significance of inquests and consequent recommendations under the *Coroners Act*. An inquest is a public hearing conducted by a coroner before a jury of five community members. Inquests are held for the purpose of informing the public about the circumstances of a death. An inquest does not find fault, blame or legal wrongdoing but rather examines the circumstances of one or more deaths and looks for lessons that can be learned from the death(s) that may contribute to a safer future for the living. Juries often make recommendations based on these learned lessons and, while they are not binding, it is hoped that implemented recommendations will prevent future deaths in similar circumstances.

The inquest jury verdict and recommendations are located on the Office of the Chief Coroner, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services website at:

http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/DeathInvestigations/Inquests/VerdictsRecommendations/OCC_verdicts.html

The presiding inquest coroner's verdict explanation is located on the Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII) website at:

http://www.canlii.org/en/on/onocco/nav/date/2016_06.html

Your response will be considered public and may be released to interested parties upon request. Summaries of responses to recommendations from all inquests are also compiled by our office and made available to the public.

Please provide us with the name and contact information of the individual leading your organization's response by February 3, 2017. As well, if you feel any of the recommendations should be directed elsewhere, complete the attached Contact Information and Recommendation Referrals form and forward to OCC.inquiries@ontario.ca.

As noted above, inquest jury recommendations are not legally binding; however, we trust they will be given careful consideration for implementation and, if not implemented, that your organization provides an explanation.

Thank you for participating in this important process. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Dirk Huyer, MD
Chief Coroner for Ontario

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Enclosures:

Responses to Jury Recommendations

Response Codes

List of Organizations Requested to Respond to Jury Recommendations

Contact Information and Recommendation Referrals

Responses to Jury Recommendations

Seven First Nations Youths Inquest Q2016-26

(Jethro Anderson, Reggie Bushie, Robyn Harper,
Kyle Morrisseau, Paul Panacheese, Curran Strang & Jordan Wabasse)

P.A.R.T.Y. Program of Thunder Bay

Annual Inquest Report – 2020-2021
TBRHSC Trauma Program – Injury Prevention

RECOMMENDATION #:

88 i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi

| REC. # | ORGANIZATION'S RESPONSE | OCC RESPONSE CODE |
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| #88 i | <p>*Due to COVID-19 the responses to this and the following recommendations were greatly impacted by multiple factors including lock-downs, group restrictions and other emergency measures.*</p> <p>TBRHSC Trauma Program offered youth injury prevention programming now known as Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre Indigenous Injury Prevention Strategies (TIIPS) to both Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School students (DFCHS) and Matawa Education and Care Centre (MECC) students via an online format in the 2020-2021 school year.</p> <p>TIIPS is explained in further detail in section #88 v.</p> | 1 |

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| <p>#88 ii</p> | <p>MECC students received TIIPS youth injury prevention online programming on September 22, 2020. This session provided several students with information and orientation about TBRHSC Emergency Department, as well as other pertinent information for accessing the hospital including hospital resources and complaints process.</p> <p>MECC students participated in TIIPS online youth injury prevention programming approximately once per month on the following dates: Oct 6/20, Nov 10/20, Dec 8/20.</p> <p>In accordance with this recommendation, TIIPS online programming continued and was offered to MECC students in the 2021 school year on the date of Feb 9/21.</p> <p>Due to unknown circumstances MECC students did not participate in programming for the remainder of the 2021 Jan-June school year.</p> <p>For unknown reasons, DFCHS students did not attend or participate in any youth injury prevention programming/orientation from TBRHSC for the entire school year of 2020-2021.</p> | <p>1</p> <p>7</p> <p>7</p> |
| <p>#88 iii</p> | <p>Due to COVID-19 restrictions, both MECC and DFCHS students were unable to attend any hospital programs in person in 2020-2021 school year.</p> | <p>7</p> |

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| #88 iv | <p>TIIPS encourages elders to be present during our programs. Elders were present at MECC during the online delivery of TIIPS programming in the 2020-2021 school year.</p> <p>As mentioned in the previous response, DFCHS did not participate in TIIPS Program for the 2020-2021 school year.</p> | <p>1</p> <p>7</p> |
| #88 v | <p>In recognition of the unique needs of the Indigenous youth in our city and region, TBRHSC Trauma Program developed TIIPS.</p> <p>TIIPS provides TBRHSC with the ability to develop and deliver culturally relevant programming for Indigenous youth in our city and region.</p> <p>TIIPS will be the name of the programming used under TBRHSC Trauma Program instead of the previously noted programming stated as Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth (P.A.R.T.Y.) Program.</p> <p>TIIPS was presented to Senior Leadership and was formally approved.</p> | <p>1B</p> <p>1B</p> |

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| | <p>TIIPS logo and program is currently in the process of copyright and trademarking.</p> <p>TIIPS programming demonstrates TBRHSC’s ability to respond in innovative ways to meet the needs of the Indigenous youth in our city and beyond.</p> <p>TBRHSC – Keewaytinook Okimakanak (KO) Youth Injury Prevention Program was put on hold for the school year of 2020-2021 due to COVID restrictions. However, TIIPS online youth injury prevention sessions were shared with the KO eHealth coordinator to be disseminated to KO communities at their discretion.</p> <p>*TIIPS online youth injury prevention program will be offered in the upcoming 2021-2022 school year with the flexibility to adapt to ongoing provincial regulations as required.*</p> | <p>7</p> |
| <p>#88 vi</p> | <p>In recognition of and respect towards the Indigenous families involved in this inquest, TBRHSC Trauma program - TIIPS endeavours to ensure the utmost sensitivity in regards to this recommendation.</p> | <p>8</p> |

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| | <p>There is no immediate intention to include any of the scenarios mentioned in the inquest in TIIPS Programming.</p> <p>If approached by any family members of the youth involved in this inquest with a request to be included in any type of TIIPS programming, the Injury Prevention Lead will consult leadership and the family directly involved.</p> | <p>8</p> |
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OCC Response Codes

| Response Code | Response Legend |
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| 1 | Recommendation <i>has</i> been implemented |
| 1A | Recommendation <i>will</i> be implemented |
| 1B | Alternate recommendation <i>has been</i> implemented |
| 2 | Under consideration |
| 3 | Unresolved issues |
| 4 | Rejected |
| 4A | Rejected due to flaws |
| 4B | Rejected due to lack of resources |
| 5 | Not applicable to agency assigned |
| 6 | No response |
| 7 | Unable to evaluate |
| 8 | Content or intent of recommendation is already in place |

List of Organizations Requested to Respond to Jury Recommendations

Seven First Nations Youths Inquest Q2016-26

*(Jethro Anderson, Reggie Bushie, Robyn Harper,
Kyle Morrisseau, Paul Panacheese, Curran Strang & Jordan Wabasse)*

Canada (Ministry of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada)

City of Thunder Bay

Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School (DFCHS)

Health Canada

Keewaytinook Okimakanak (KO)

Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO)

Matawa Learning Centre (MLC)

Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN)

Nishnawbe Aski Police Service (NAPS)

Northern Nishnawbe Education Council (NNEC)

Office of the Chief Coroner

Ontario (Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation)

P.A.R.T.Y. Program of Thunder Bay

Thunder Bay Police Service (TBPS)

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Kyle Morrisseau, Paul Panacheese, Curran Strang & Jordan Wabasse)*

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

P.A.R.T.Y. PROGRAM OF THUNDER BAY

Now referred to as **TIIPS**

(Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre Indigenous Injury Prevention Strategies)

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Part II: Referral

We believe the following recommendations may be best addressed by these organizations:

| Recommendation Number | Organization Name & Address | Contact Name & Title |
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