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Via email: kajorins@tbh.net

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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

DH/msp

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)*

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (the Hospital)

P.A.R.T.Y. Program 2018-2019 Report

RECOMMENDATION #:

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

REC. #	ORGANIZATION'S RESPONSE	OCC RESPONSE CODE
#88 i	The Hospital's P.A.R.T.Y. Program was offered to grades 9-12 students from both Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School (DFCHS) and Matawa Learning Centre (MLC) in the 2018-2019 School Year.	1
#88 ii	<p>DFCHS students attended the P.A.R.T.Y. Program at the Hospital on January 16, 2019. Due to a scheduling conflict at their end, DFCHS cancelled the scheduled date of September 14, 2018. TBRHSC P.A.R.T.Y. program offered these dates in accordance with this recommendation and recognizing the start of the school year, and the start of second semester.</p> <p>MLC students attended the P.A.R.T.Y. Program at the Hospital on September 20, 2018 and January 30, 2019 in accordance with this recommendation and recognizing the start of the school year, and the start of second semester.</p>	1 1
#88 iii	September 5, 2019 an "In-School" P.A.R.T.Y. Program was held for the first time at DFCHS during their general orientation week. This was a great opportunity to meet the students and provide them with valuable information about Hospital resources, emphasizing the importance of accessing the hospital when in need and requesting the Indigenous Patient Navigator to advocate for them when in Hospital.	1

	<p>September 26, 2019 an “in-School” P.A.R.T.Y. Program was held for the first time at MLC during their general orientation week. This was a great opportunity to meet the students and provide them with valuable information about Hospital resources, emphasizing the importance of accessing the hospital when in need and requesting the Indigenous Patient Navigator to advocate for them when in Hospital.</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>#88 iv</p>	<p>P.A.R.T.Y. Program encourages elders to be present during our programs offered at the Hospital. Both DFCHS and MLC include elders in their Hospital program visits when they were available.</p> <p>The Hospital’s videoconference Lunch and Learn Indigenous Injury Prevention sessions invites elders to present and also encourages elders to be present for support in each community during the sessions.</p> <p>In recognition that there may be times that both DFCHS and MLC do not have elders available to attend programming; Hospital resources have been utilized. This includes Indigenous Patient Navigators and Spiritual Care Providers. Other Hospital resources introduced during programming include Mental Health Assessment Team Nurses, Social Worker, and Volunteer Services.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1B</p>
<p>#88 v</p>	<p>The Hospital’s P.A.R.T.Y. Program has received ongoing support from P.A.R.T.Y. International Headquarters for the continued development of PARTY2Go Kit. This collaborative initiative between The Hospital’s P.A.R.T.Y. Program and P.A.R.T.Y. International will provide a portable toolkit of injury prevention activities that are available to communities that cannot access regular programming at a licensed site. This toolkit is currently in the final stages of development.</p>	<p>1</p>

	<p>The Hospital's Regional Injury Prevention Lead has formally joined Trauma Association of Canada (TAC) as well as TAC National Injury Prevention Committee. This connection will provide the opportunity to highlight the need for injury prevention in Northern/Indigenous communities at a national level.</p>	1
	<p>Northern communities are invited to participate in any of the hospital P.A.R.T.Y. Program sessions in 2019-2020. Refer to attached draft 2019-2020 schedules.</p>	1
	<p>The Hospital's Keewatinook Okimakanak videoconference Lunch and Learns expanded in 2018-2019 to include Dryden High School, Sioux North High School, Red Lake District High School and Beaver Brae High School.</p>	1
	<p>The Hospital is currently exploring the possibility of connecting with Indian Friendship Centres in the Northwest Region, to participate in the Hospital's Keewatinook Okimakanak Lunch and Learn sessions.</p>	2
	<p>The Hospital's Regional Injury Prevention Lead attended a formal drumming ceremony in Dryden on June 11, 2019. This ceremony was held at the conclusion of the Hospital's Keewatinook Okimakanak 2018-2019 Lunch and Learn program in order to end the year in a good way. This was both successful and very well attended by youth from the area</p>	1
	<p>Youth from Long Lake #58 attended the Hospital's P.A.R.T.Y. Program at the Hospital on April 24, 2019. April 23, 2020 is the date held for Long Lake #58 next year.</p>	1
	<p>Northern communities that cannot attend P.A.R.T.Y. Program at the Hospital will be offered the option to participate in the Hospital's Keewatinook Okimakanak Indigenous Injury Prevention via videoconference. Refer to draft KO Schedule for 2019-2020.</p>	1
	<p>The Hospital's P.A.R.T.Y. Program adapts to include sessions such as Elders, Role Modelling and Spiritual Care in order to provide relevant and relatable injury prevention programming for Indigenous youth.</p>	1
	<p>The Hospital's P.A.R.T.Y. Program will continue to work with MLC, and DFCHS to identify specific cultural and community needs to consider for program inclusion – for example opening/closing prayer and smudging.</p>	1

	<p>In collaboration with Thunder Bay Police Service (TBPS) and Matawa Learning Centre, the Hospital’s Regional Injury Prevention Lead travelled into Neskantaga First Nation in August 2018 with TBP/MLC Youth Engagement Initiative. On this occasion the Hospital’s Injury Prevention Lead was able to use the PARTY2Go Kit to deliver injury prevention education to youth from this community. Through this ongoing partnership, the Hospital’s P.A.R.T.Y. Program will endeavour to reach youth from the Matawa First Nations communities via the Hospital’s Keewaytinook Okimakanak Lunch and Learn, PARTY2Go Kit or by programs held at either the Hospital or MLC.</p> <p>The Hospital’s Regional Injury Prevention Lead will be presenting at Paramedicine Association Of Canada Expo (PACE) in September of 2019. At PACE, the Hospital’s Injury Prevention Lead will co-present with paramedic Andrea Joyce to showcase the injury prevention initiatives being developed at the Hospital. This will be a valuable opportunity as paramedics from across the country attend this convention.</p>	
#88 vi	<p>In recognition of and respect towards the Indigenous families involved in this inquest, the P.A.R.T.Y. Program endeavours to ensure the utmost sensitivity in regards to this recommendation.</p> <p>There is no immediate intention to include any of the scenarios mentioned in the inquest in the Hospital’s P.A.R.T.Y. Program.</p> <p>If approached by any family members of the youth involved in this inquest with a request to be included in this program, the Injury Prevention Lead will consult with P.A.R.T.Y. International to obtain consent from the family directly involved.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p>

OCC Response Codes

Response Code	Response Legend
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

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Canada (Ministry of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada)

City of Thunder Bay

Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School (DFCHS)

Health Canada

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

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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

Forward to OCC.inquiries@ontario.ca.