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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

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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 2017-2018 School Year	1
#88 ii	<p>DFCHS students attended the P.A.R.T.Y. Program at the Hospital on the dates of September 15, 2017, and on January 24, 2018 in accordance with the recommendations 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 22, 2017 and January 31, 2018 in accordance with the recommendations and recognizing the start of the school year, and the start of second semester.</p>	1 1
#88 iii	<p>March 7, 2018 was "held" for DFCHS for the potential of an "In-School" P.A.R.T.Y. Program. However this format of program delivery requires further exploration by Injury Prevention and School contacts/teachers from DFCHS.</p> <p>Confirmation email received on June 26, 2018 from Sean Spenrath teacher at DFCHS confirming interest to have "In-School" P.A.R.T.Y. Program organized for delivery during general orientation Week. (Date to be determined)</p>	2 1A

	<p>The date of March 29, 2018 was “held” for MLC for the potential of an “In-School” P.A.R.T.Y. Program. However this format of program delivery requires further exploration by Injury Prevention and School contacts/teachers at MLC.</p> <p>Following discussion with Jackie Corbett from MLC, a tentative date of September 26, 2018 has been set for an “In-School” P.A.R.T.Y. Program during MLC’s General Orientation Week.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1A</p>
#88 iv	<p>P.A.R.T.Y. Program encourages elders to be present during any of our programs. MLC brought an elder with their students this year when attending P.A.R.T.Y. Program on January 31, 2018.</p> <p>This year the KO P.A.R.T.Y. Program incorporated an Elder session. This was broadcasted to Dryden High School on February 13, 2018 and provided an opportunity for youth to receive wisdom from an Elder. We will continue to offer Elder sessions in the upcoming school year. <u>Refer to draft KO Schedule for 2018-19.</u></p> <p>In recognition that there may be times that both DFCHS and MLC do not have elders available to attend programming; Hospital resources will be 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>
#88 v	<p>The Hospital’s P.A.R.T.Y. Program received ongoing support from P.A.R.T.Y. International for Indigenous P.A.R.T.Y. Program.</p> <p>In November, 2017 the Hospital Injury Prevention Lead was keynote speaker for a worldwide webinar. Her presentation focused on the Hospital’s P.A.R.T.Y. Program has explored for implementation in Northwestern Ontario.</p> <p>On February 22, 2018 the Hospital Injury Prevention Lead presented at a Trauma Association of Canada (TAC) conference. Her presentation highlighted the P.A.R.T.Y. Program for Northern/Indigenous communities.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>

	<p>The Hospital is working with P.A.R.T.Y. International to finalize a “portable” version of P.A.R.T.Y. Program. This portable Toolkit will provide additional opportunities to collaborate with community partners such as ORNGE to deliver injury prevention programming into our Northern Communities.</p>	1B
	<p>The portable P.A.R.T.Y. Program “Toolkit” was trialed twice this year with ORNGE paramedics. It was utilized in Mishgeegogamang in July, 2017 and Moosenee in November, 2017.</p>	1
	<p>Northern Communities are invited to participate in an in-hospital P.A.R.T.Y. Program session. Four dates are “held” for Northern Communities in 2018-2019. <u>Refer to attached draft 2018-19 schedules.</u></p>	2
	<p>Youth from Long Lake #58 attended the Indigenous P.A.R.T.Y. Program at the Hospital on April 25, 2018. April 24, 2019 is 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 KO P.A.R.T.Y. Program via videoconference – <u>Refer to draft KO Schedule for 2018-19.</u></p>	2
	<p>The 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 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. Program changes in 2017-18 included an opening prayer by the community’s Elder, and a smudge at the closing of the MLC January 31, 2018 P.A.R.T.Y. Program.</p>	1
	<p>New partnership with MLC, Thunder Bay Police Services (TBPS) and the P.A.R.T.Y. Program. A new initiative entitled “Matawa LC – TBPS Youth Engagement Project” will provide opportunity for the P.A.R.T.Y. Program to build relationships and provide injury prevention programming to all of the Matawa communities over a two year period.</p>	1A

<p>#88 vi</p>	<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>8</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>8</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>

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

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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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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.