

Jury Findings

THIS IS AN EXTRACT OF THE *JURY REPORT* FILED AT THE INQUEST RESPECTING THE DEATH OF LEE ALLEN BONNEAU WHICH WAS CONDUCTED APRIL 6 – 9, 2015 AND APRIL 13 – 17, 2015 AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

The six (6) person jury inquired into the death of the above named and their findings are as follows:

Name of Deceased: Lee Allen Bonneau
Date of Death: August 22, 2013 at 0003 hrs
Place of Death: Broadview Hospital in Broadview, SK
Cause of Death: Blunt force trauma of the head
By What Means: Homicide

Recommendations:

To: Ministry of Social Services and Yorkton Tribal Council Child and Family Services

1. With introduction of possible mental health barriers on part of parents or guardians, a qualified mental services worker is involved with ensuring the complete understanding of concerns on behalf of the Child Services Provider at the time of involvement. For example services offered and/or before documents are signed.
2. Parental Services Agreements should have follow up, upon completion.
3. Stronger recruitment and retention incentives for foster parents in rural areas.
4. Increase of monetary compensation and services provided for foster parents under Ministry of Social Services and Yorkton Tribal Council Child and Family Services.

To: Ministry of Social Services

5. Policy with regards to completion and forwarding of caregiver information form be followed.

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6. Concerns with regards to the child's behaviour and/or specific needs be brought to the immediate attention of the prospective Foster Parent before placement.
7. Re-evaluation of protocols with respect to training and qualifications of Foster Parents; more specifically re-assessment of child care skills and the introduction of a mandatory refresher course for Foster Parents on an appropriately decided basis.

To: RCMP, Ministry of Social Services and Yorkton Tribal Council Child and Family Services

8. Communication and file sharing between all pertinent parties with regards to child welfare be shared in a timely manner.

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9. FASD, ADHD and other mental health issues should be addressed as soon as an issue is identified. Depending on results, a full-time therapist may be warranted.

To: Yorkton Tribal Council Child and Family Services

10. Efforts to increase funding for positions for child welfare workers on Reserve should be made. A social worker and a mental health therapist are recommended on a priority basis with the necessity for a direct line of services from a child psychologist, speech and language pathologist, and occupational and physical therapists for children in rural areas.
11. An organized filing system be developed to ensure all employees have access to hard copies of all pertinent documents.
12. Enforcement of policies with regards to completion of investigation of Intake Reports be followed.

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13. Funding efforts be made for a facility for children with complex needs under the age of twelve.
14. MSS & YTC pursue [sic] implementation of prevention awareness for mothers with respect to FASD through their various resources.

To: Yorkton Tribal Council Child and Family Services

15. Criminal Investigation on a child through the RCMP not be a hinderance to an ongoing investigation by YTC.
16. Staff are supplied with all necessary equipment and training to adequately perform their duties.

To: Ministry of Social Services

17. Protocols for Alcohol and Drug Assessment for parents/guardians be enforced.
18. An Assessment and Case Plan be completed by 120 days after Intake Report, regardless of the introduction of a new Intake Report. References to subsiquent [sic] Intake Reports and Assessment and Case Plans should be made if applicable.
19. The size of service centres for rural offices be re-evaluated in relation to available staffing and service concerns.