

MacDonald, Sheree P.

From: Companion, Lori Anne
Sent: May 9, 2011 2:20 PM
To: MacDonald, Sheree P.
Subject: FW: suicide in Natuashish
Importance: High

Will keep you posted on the status of this family with us.

From: Shallow, Michelle
Sent: May 9, 2011 2:15 PM
To: Companion, Lori Anne
Subject: FW: suicide in Natuashish
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Hi Lori Anne,
Please see the email I received from Lyla Andrew. I will be contacting her to find out if we had any involvement with this youth or his family and the other 14yr old identified in the email.
Michelle

From: Lyla Andrew [mailto:lyla.andrew@lghealth.ca]
Sent: May 9, 2011 2:08 PM
To: Shallow, Michelle
Cc: Lynne Gregory; Delia Connell
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Michelle, yesterday a.m. a 22 year old took his life. He was sniffing in his parents' home along with several other young people who were also sniffing, one of whom is 14. Jo-Ann didn't even know about this tragedy until today. I had heard yesterday through my kids. His parents had gone into the country, leaving him behind. The Chief has closed the First Nations offices for three weeks, including this week so Jo-Ann said the usual interconnections between workers are not ongoing as the First Nation's health staff isn't working. [REDACTED] decent folks who made significant changes in their lives and have sustained those changes over time, however, this has not meant they have been immune from how their children have lived with the issues of their childhoods. [REDACTED] also in his early twenties, who took his life a couple of years ago. Jo-Ann anticipates an increase in calls from parents/guardians who are concerned about their children, if they have been sniffing, but she said so far it has been very quiet, maybe because everything has been closed and this just happened yesterday. She had a call from one grandmother about a youth Jo-Ann has never heard of who is not even on the band list who was in treatment for sniffing some time ago and grandmom is worried. Very hard for Jo-Ann to know where to even start to address these kinds of concerns.

Lynne is on leave this week but I still think Lynne and I need the opportunity to meet with the Advocate ourselves to share our perspectives and what I think of as considerable knowledge as community members and workers and almost secondarily as CYFS staff currently by choice. I think this is necessary as support for Jo-Ann as well, that it be seen that we have something to share with the Advocate's office . Lyla

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