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Hi Brian,

Rick Healy and I are heading to Goose Bay on Thursday to meet with the Innu and NG (separately) to update them on the legislative review of the CYCP Act. I'm wondering if you would have a few minutes to review the attached draft presentation we plan to use when we meet. Essentially, the purpose of the visit, which should be clear from the presentation, is to provide an update on common themes from consultations with the Innu, NG and MFN and to talk about possible legislative amendments to address identified issues.

I realize you're out of the office so if there is someone else I should speak to on this just let me know.

Thanks,
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Legislative Review of the *CYCP Act*
March 2017

Purpose



- **Provide and update on the legislative review process**
- **Provide an overview of common themes from consultations**
- **Seek input on potential changes to the *Children and Youth Care and Protection Act***

Summary of Consultation Process:



- **A statutory review of the *CYCP Act* was announced on June 30, 2016.**
- **Six major policy issues were identified for consideration during the review:**
 - **Improving information sharing;**
 - **Supporting prevention services for children in need of protection;**
 - **Licensing and regulation of out-of-home placements;**
 - **Improving permanency planning for children and youth;**
 - **Improving services to youth in need of protection; and,**
 - **Strengthening services to Aboriginal children and youth.**

Summary of Consultation Process (cont'd):



- **Public consultations occurred between September 1 and December 31, 2016. Stakeholders were invited to participate in focus groups, provide a written submission or complete a questionnaire.**
- **CSSD received submissions from the Miawpukek First Nation, the Innu Nation and the Nunatsiavut Government.**
- **Separate in person consultations were held with the Miawpukek First Nation, the Innu Nations and the Nunatsiavut Government.**

Common Themes from Aboriginal Governments and Organizations



Our consultations with Aboriginal governments and organizations identified several common areas for change including:

- **Cultural Recognition**
- **Supports for Children in Care**
- **Involvement in Case Planning and Service Delivery**

Common Themes from Aboriginal Governments and Organizations



Cultural Recognition:

- **Need to define Aboriginal child or youth in the *Act*;**
- **Need to acknowledge and consider Aboriginal culture when making decisions; and,**
- **Need to include Aboriginal culture when considering the child's best interests.**

Common Themes from Aboriginal Governments and Organizations



Supports for Children in Care:

- **Placement of Aboriginal children within Aboriginal communities and families must be a priority when children cannot stay safely at home; and,**
- **Planning must occur to ensure children placed outside of their community or with non-Aboriginal families maintain a connection to their culture.**

Common Themes from Aboriginal Governments and Organizations



Case Planning and Service Delivery:

- **Improve information sharing between CSSD and Aboriginal representatives to allow for:**
 - Involvement in case planning and provision of support to families;
 - Notification at key points of involvement with a family; and,
 - Notification of child protection court matters.
- **Improve support for families to keep children at home.**
- **Develop family group conferencing as an alternative to court.**
- **Allow for the delegation of child protection services to Aboriginal governments/organizations.**

Potential Legislative Changes



- **Based on what we heard through our consultations, potential legislative amendments have been identified.**

Cultural Recognition:

- **Adding a definition of Aboriginal child/youth.**
- **Requiring that the uniqueness of Aboriginal cultures be considered when determining the best interests of a child or youth.**

Potential Legislative Changes



Supports for children and youth in care:

- **Requiring that a plan be developed to ensure children removed from their community or placed in a non-Aboriginal home maintain a connection to their culture.**
- **Adding placement considerations for Aboriginal children in care that would require CSSD to look for placement options within a child's family, community and culture before placing a child elsewhere.**

Potential Legislative Changes



Case Planning and Service Delivery:

- **Requiring information sharing with Aboriginal representatives about child protection involvement to support case planning.**
- **Requiring notification of court matters with designated Aboriginal representatives.**
- **Adding a provision to support the delegation of child protection services to Aboriginal agencies.**

Where to From Here



- **The consultation phase of the review is now complete.**
- **We are finalizing a What We Heard document that will be released publically.**
- **We will consider the feedback we have received today into our recommendations to move forward.**



THANK YOU