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Re: Leon Joseph Marcel NEPPER

Dear Ms. KEMP:

Please find attached the Inquest Report into the death of **Leon Joseph Marcel NEPPER**, which includes the comments from the Presiding Coroner, Matthew BROWN.

Please be advised that this report and its recommendations has been posted on the Yukon Coroners' Service public web

I would like to draw your attention to the Jury's Recommendations directed solely to the Director, Facility Based Corrections of Whitehorse Correctional Centre:

Recommendation 1

- a. Recommendation to include a checkbox on the Medical Intake Assessment Form indicating Y/N whether an inmate has signed an Advanced Directive or DNR, and if so, where this documentation is held. This should also be written under "other" or included in "Health Information to be Disclosed" on the Consent to Share Medical Information.
- b. If there are significant medical conditions present, and no AD/DNR, this should be flagged for follow-up and review with the inmate by a doctor.

Recommendation 2

Recommendation to offer more opportunities for Generalized Advanced Training with the goal of improving skillsets and providing higher levels of care and emergency intervention/response. For example, advanced airway management training (Corrections Officers) and high stress scenarios (Corrections Officers and Nurses).

Recommendation 3

Recommendation to present Nepper incident in internal training to improve future response involving unresponsive inmates with medical concerns.

And to the recommendation directed both to the Deputy Minister of Justice and to the Director of Whitehorse Correctional Centre:

Recommendation to evaluate the suitability of facilities to house inmates with significant or serious medical conditions and how the existing policies and facilities might be improved, with the goal of implementing these policy or facility changes.

I ask that a response setting out intentions with respect to these Recommendation specific to the Whitehorse Correctional Centre be received by **September 6, 2024**. Pursuant to Section 5(1)(o) of the *Coroner's Act*, this letter and any response or lack of response to the recommendations will be made public.

Sincerely,



Heather P. Jones
Chief Coroner for the Yukon Territory

Encl.

cc: Tracy-Anne McPhee, Minister of Justice