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Dear Ms Penrose:

The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth Recommendations Action Planning (MACY-RAP) Deputy Minister Committee has committed to providing updated responses to the recommendations on public reports from MACY in June and December of each year. This committee enables us to provide a whole of government approach to planning and responding to recommendations we receive from your office.

Please find attached our committee's June 2020 response to the recommendations contained in the following seven (7) reports:

- *Documenting the Decline: The Dangerous Space Between Good Intentions and Meaningful Interventions (Circling Star)* (October 2018)
- *In Need of Protection: Angel's Story* (December 2018)
- *Learning from Nelson Mandela: a Report on the Use of Solitary Confinement and Pepper Spray in Manitoba Youth Custody Facilities* (February 2019)
- *A Place Where it Feels Like Home: the Tina Fontaine Story* (March 2019)
- *The Slow Disappearance of Matthew: A Family's Fight for Mental Health Care in the Wake of Bullying and Mental Illness* (February 2020)
- *Safe and Sound: A Special Report on the Unexpected Sleep-Related Deaths of 145 Manitoba Infants* (March 2020)
- *Stop Giving Me a Number and Start Giving Me a Person: How 22 Girls Illuminate the Cracks in the Manitoba Mental Health and Addiction System* (May 2020).

We would like to acknowledge receipt in June 2020 of your follow-up questions to our December 2019 response, and the June 17, 2020, meeting you arranged to discuss those questions with our Department representatives. The proximity in timing to this scheduled June response means it will not address all the requests you made for additional details. Our Departments will continue to follow up on the identified areas from the meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require anything further.

Yours truly,

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Dave Wright  
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