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Dear Ms. Kerr:

RE: File #Q2017-25

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above-named report. Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (ministry/MOHLTC) staff members have reviewed the recommendations and offer the following comments.

Recommendation 36:

Consider funding research into understanding "Post-Ictal Psychosis".

Ministry Response:

The MOHLTC's Health System Research Fund funds health services/system research and population health research. MOHLTC works with the Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science to fund the Ontario Brain Institute (OBI), a not-for-profit research centre seeking to maximize the impact of neuroscience and establish Ontario as a world leader in brain research, commercialization and care. OBI's Epilepsy Research Program is focused on finding new ways to diagnose, treat, and improve the lives of people living with drug-resistant epilepsy. The ministry will share the recommendation with OBI for consideration as a future research priority.

Inquest Response Code: 1B – *Alternate recommendation has been implemented*

Recommendation 37:

Consult with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Service, the Chiefs of Police and appropriate mental health advocates to ensure that an effective 24/7 crisis service for individuals in crisis is available before police get involved.

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Ministry Response:

The MOHLTC does not believe consultation is required at this time as the ministry currently funds several resources that can assist in crisis situations, including ConnexOntario and the Good2Talk/Allo, j'ecoute mental health hotline. Many resources are available 24 hours a day and seven days a week in English and French. Information and Referral Specialists are expected to answer all calls, emails or webchat requests and have received training to involve emergency services when necessary.

Inquest Response Code: 8 – *Content or intent of recommendation is already in place*

Recommendation 38:

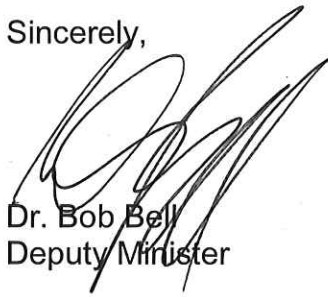
The attending physician of a patient with epilepsy should counsel the importance of sharing with family details of the patient's condition as part of the strategy to be used in the event of a crisis.

Ministry Response:

As conveyed in the ministry's communication to your office of September 28, 2017, this recommendation is best directed at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

Inquest Response Code: 5 – *Not applicable to agency assigned*

Sincerely,



Dr. Bob Bell
Deputy Minister

