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Cynthia Johansen, Registrar and CEO
College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia
2855 Arbutus Street
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Dear Ms. Johansen,

The BC Schizophrenia Society is currently in the process of reviewing recommendations relating to mental illness made by the BC Coroners Service. As an organization dedicated to supporting families coping with mental illness and its devastating effects, the BC Schizophrenia Society has a keen interest in recommendations that can improve responses to mental illness within the health and justice systems.

I am writing to inquire how the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia has responded to the recommendations noted below:

Inquest held at the Coroners Court in Burnaby, BC June 1st to 10th, 2009 into the death of Ross Alexander Allan (File No. 2008:0369:0149)

<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/coroners/schedule/archive/2009/docs/verdict-allan-10-june-2009.pdf>

Recommendation:

That all nurses, physicians and other staff be properly trained on Code Yellow policy, and the implementation of a Code Yellow.

Recommendation:

That all members of the health care team are trained that all MHA patients are for the most part, unable to provide true and accurate information on themselves. Therefore, the team must obtain and chart relevant collateral information from the family and/or other sources.

Recommendation:

That collateral information regarding MHA patients be discussed and recorded in a patient's chart.

I appreciate your attention to this request and look forward to receiving a response by February 28, 2014.

Sincerely,

Dave Halikowski
BC Schizophrenia Society Chair