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From: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX
Sent: July 9, 2021 3:48 PM
To: Thompson, Laurel HLTH:EX
Cc: Halicki, Ashley HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Heat wave deaths

Yes, please. hopefully they will have time next week. If Lisa is unable then the rest of the group can meet.
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I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em

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-----Original Message-----

From: Thompson, Laurel HLTH:EX <Laurel.Thompson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 9, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Halicki, Ashley HLTH:EX <Ashley.Halicki@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Heat wave deaths

Following up on this question as well.

Laurel Thompson | Executive Coordinator
Office of the Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Health

-----Original Message-----

From: Thompson, Laurel HLTH:EX
Sent: July 8, 2021 9:34 AM
To: Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Heat wave deaths

Hi Bonnie,

Per Sarah's not below, did you still want the meeting with Sarah, David, Lisa, Jat, Tej and Reka to be set up?

Thank you,
Laurel Thompson | Executive Coordinator
Office of the Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Health

-----Original Message-----

From: Henderson, Sarah [BCCDC] <Sarah.Henderson@bccdc.ca>
Sent: July 7, 2021 5:27 PM
To: Thompson, Laurel HLTH:EX <Laurel.Thompson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Heat wave deaths

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Hi Laurel --

They did not, but Lisa sent an email earlier in the week suggesting that the Coroners Service is too busy to consider this meeting at this time. I imagine that Bonnie can put some pressure on them if she wants to move things along, but I cannot.

Cheers,

Sarah

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I often work outside of normal business hours because it suits me. There is no expectation that you will respond outside of your working hours.

On 2021-07-07, 3:57 PM, "Thompson, Laurel HLTH:EX" <Laurel.Thompson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Hi Sara,

On 2021-07-01, 9:45 AM, "Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX" <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Yes, we have some preliminary ED data as well. I have copied Reka, Tom and Sarah from the BCCDC who we should include as well. And Laurel to help us set up a call.

Hope you have a quiet day as well.

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> On Jul 1, 2021, at 9:25 AM, Lapointe, Lisa PSSG:EX <Lisa.Lapointe@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> Hi Bonnie, thanks for your note. The number of people severely or fatally impacted by the heat was completely unexpected and we're keen to identify patterns and risk factors to support future responses and prevent similar outcomes.

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> Partnering for a fulsome review will be valuable. We're continuing to assess the full impact of the heatwave with reports of associated deaths still coming in and the coroners catching up with entering information into our system.

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> I've cc'd Taj and Tej on this note. Let's meet for a call next week and discuss first steps in planning for a review. We may want to consider a staged approach so that we can provide as much preliminary information as possible while we do a more detailed analysis.

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> Thanks for reaching out Bonnie. I look forward to getting together next week.

> I hope you can enjoy some rest time today.

> Lisa

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Jul 1, 2021, at 8:51 AM, Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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>> Hi Lisa,

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>> I am reaching out around the need for us to do a review of the heat related deaths over this past weekend. As you are likely aware we have a process and a plan for public health working with municipalities to put in place measures including distributing water, checking on vulnerable and opening cooling centres etc. We also have a ongoing surveillance system for heat related and air quality wildfire smoke related health effects. We had set up our provincial heat response committee on Friday to get things in place but the sheer numbers of people affected was a surprise.

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>> We would like to do a full review including understanding the epidemiology of the illness and deaths so we can better target response for the future. I know you will be doing a full review as well. Could we partner on this and combine our resources to get a fuller picture and hopefully a stronger plan for the inevitable future heat events.

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>> My best,

>> Bonnie

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