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Barry Kalinski
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Dear Reeve Kalinski:

Thank you for your letter to the Minister of Mental Health and Addiction regarding Recovery Alberta's funding decision for the Bonnyville Child and Adolescent Mental Health Collaborative. As Deputy Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, I appreciate the opportunity to respond on behalf of the Government of Alberta.

Recovery Alberta is an external health care agency and is accountable to make spending decisions in accordance with its allocated budget, priorities, and core services. Alberta's government is making prudent spending decisions and ensuring the delivery of services is sustainable as we face numerous challenges. Economic uncertainty and revenue volatility, and a rapidly growing population is putting significant pressure on available public funds.

Every effort is being made to stretch and best target public funds and available resources to support a strong health care system across the province. There are ongoing reviews of all Recovery Alberta programs, services, and contracts to ensure they are being delivered efficiently and effectively, and public funding is focused on the delivery of front-line mental health and addiction services.

As a health care agency, Recovery Alberta's core services are psychiatric care, addiction treatment, medical detox, crisis support, and correctional health services. These are the front-line services Recovery Alberta must prioritize with the funding they have been allocated through *Budget 2025*, while the province responds to the economic challenges it is experiencing.

For inquiries related to addiction and mental health services and supports in Alberta, please contact Recovery Alberta by email at info@recoveryalberta.ca.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Evan Romanow
Deputy Minister
Mental Health and Addiction

cc: Scott Cyr, MLA, Bonnyville-Cold-Lake-St. Paul