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Discovery House Executive Director appointed to the Family Violence Death Review Committee

Calgary... On July 6, 2017, Irfan Sabir, Alberta Minister of Community and Social Services, announced the appointment of Monique Auffrey, Executive Director of Discovery House, to the Family Violence Death Review Committee.

The role of the provincial Committee is to conduct reviews of family violence deaths in Alberta and make recommendations to the Minister for changes related to policy, legislation and service delivery.

“The Alberta Council of Women’s Shelters has long advocated for the establishment of the Family Violence Death Review Committee,” said Jan Reimer, Executive Director of ACWS. “Our Board was delighted to recommend Monique Auffrey to Minister Sabir to serve on this Committee. Every day at Discovery House Monique and her staff are supporting women to stay safe and helping women protect themselves and their children from men who perpetrate violence and abuse. Her frontline expertise will prove invaluable to the Committee’s work.”

The Committee includes experts in family violence drawn from the legal, law enforcement, social services, health, victim’s advocacy and academic communities. “I am honoured to bring to the table, the knowledge and experience from our work at Discovery House and to serve together with this accomplished group of individuals in finding solutions to address family violence in Alberta,” said Ms. Auffrey.

Alberta has the third-highest rate of self-reported spousal violence in the country. The Committee is focused on better understanding the risk factors that contribute to family violence and preventing future violence in Alberta families and communities.

Ms. Auffrey’s term is effective immediately and expires October 31, 2020.

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Discovery House provides integrated shelter and community housing and services for abused women and children to enable them to live safely in the community. For more information please visit www.discoveryhouse.ca