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Ms. Tischa Stefanowski, Executive Director
Saskatchewan First Nations Family and
Community Institute Inc.
211-2553 Grasswood Road East
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Dear Ms. Stefanowski:

I am pleased to advise that we have had the opportunity to review the Customary Standards of Care which was completed by the Saskatchewan First Nation Family and Community Institute, and ratified by the All Chiefs Assembly in February 2011. I am providing you with this letter as recognition of equivalency for the Customary Standards of Care as ratified by the All Chiefs Assembly in February 2011.

We understand the standards contained in the Customary Standards of Care to be standards for which First Nation out-of-home care facility providers will provide care to youth. We further understand that each First Nation out-of-home care facility will develop local policies and procedures to meet the new standards. We further understand that reviews of the First Nation out of home care facilities will be based on the Customary Standards of Care.

Saskatchewan Social Services agrees that the First Nations Customary Standards of Care (September 2013) are consistent with the provincial Residential Services Standards and therefore are equivalent to our standards. We also recognize the need to review the standards on a periodic basis to ensure alignment and on-going equivalency between the First Nations Customary Standards of Care and the provincial Residential Services Standards as time evolves. We believe that these standards have been developed with the best interests of First Nation children in mind.

We commend the Saskatchewan First Nations Family and Community Institute, the First Nations group home managers and First Nations Child and Family Services agency directors for the hard work and dedication in completing the Customary Standards of Care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'June Draude', is written over a printed name.

June Draude