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## ---PUBLIC NOTICE---

### NEVADA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE DEATH OF CHILDREN AGENDA

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 14, 2024

**TIME:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (or until adjournment)

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## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** – Melinda Rhoades, Co-Chair
2. **For Information Only: Roll Call** – April Stahl, DCFS
3. **For Information Only: Initial Public Comment (Discussion only: Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting)** – Melinda Rhoades, Co-Chair  
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4. **For Information Only: Purpose of the Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children**-Denise Tyre, Co-Chair
  - a. Provide an overview of the Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children
5. **For Possible Action:** Approval of last meeting minutes - Melinda Rhoades, Co-Chair
  - a. Discussion and possible approval of the November 15, 2023, meeting minutes.
    - Public Comment will be allowed during discussion of this action item before a vote is taken
6. **For Possible Action:** Recommendation to remove member from the Committee-Melinda Rhoades-Co-Chair
  - a. Consideration, discussion, and vote to approve the recommendation of the removal of committee member, Brian Shoaf.
    - Public Comment will be allowed during discussion of this action item before a vote is taken
7. **For Possible Action:** Approval of proposed meeting dates for future Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children Meetings-Beverly Brown, DCFS
  - a. Discussion and approval to change future Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children meeting dates to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.
    - May 15, 2024
    - August 21, 2024
    - November 20, 2024
    - Public Comment will be allowed during discussion of this action item before a vote is taken
8. **For Possible Action:** Committee review and approval of the 2021 Annual Statewide Death Report– Denise Tyre-Co-Chair
  - a. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the 2021 Annual Statewide Death Report.
    - Public Comment will be allowed during discussion of this action item before a vote is taken
9. **For Possible Action:** Next steps for the below recommendations- Melinda Rhodes, Co-Chair

- a. Consideration and discussion to determine if previous recommendations need further discussion, or if the item can be considered closed.
    - 2021 Quarter 2: Washoe County Child Death Review Team recommendation for fentanyl becoming a part of standard hospital drug testing panels.
    - 2021 Quarter 4: Washoe County Child Death Review Team recommendation that a Public Service Announcement and community education be developed regarding minors operating all-terrain vehicles.
    - 2022 Quarter 4: Clark County Child Death Review Team recommendation regarding hot tub safety for hot tubs manufactured prior to 2007.
- *Public Comment will be allowed during discussion of this action item before a vote is taken*

**10. For Possible Action:** Review & respond to 2023 Quarter 4 Regional Child Death Review Team recommendations. – *Melinda Rhoades, Co-Chair*

- a. Consideration and discussion of fatality prevention recommendations provided by regional Child Death Review teams and possible action by the Executive Committee to make these formal recommendations.
  - **2023 Quarter 4:**
    - Clark County:
      - This team recommends financial support in the recruitment, hiring, placement, and retention of a pediatric abuse specialist in a hospital or clinic in Clark County.
    - Rural Counties: These teams recommend the following:
      - Enhancing gun safety awareness, suicide, and resources to assist these efforts, i.e. lock boxes.
      - Providing education related to safe sleep.
      - Large-scale public service announcements including “if you see something, say something” if there is a concern of abuse/neglect happening. This may help with reporting practices from family members and/or bystanders. This recommendation suggests that this message be done through social media, billboards, and ads on local media.
      - Regarding the topic of post-partum depression – May is post-partum depression month and can be part of large-scale public service announcements including targeted interventions with on-going conversations about post-partum depression, possible red-flags and what to do. Continue training medical professionals about the correlation between post-partum depression and child safety, being aware and sensitive of cultural and gender views and stigmas about mental health. Include press-releases and brochures in doctor’s offices and in community resource settings discussing post-partum depression for both men *and* women.
      - Regarding home construction/renovations – Request that the local fire department partner with the Washoe Tribe regarding fire prevention strategies. Provide the community with education around the risks of making home improvements without trained professionals.
    - Washoe County:
      - No recommendations.

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**11. For Information Only:** U.S. Department of Education New Resource for School Administrators on Importance

- a. Discuss new safe and secure firearm resource released by the U.S. Department of Education.

**12. For Information Only:** Citizen Review Panel Subcommittee update-*April Stahl, DCFS*

- a. Provide update on the status of the Citizen Review Panel Subcommittee and next steps.

**13. Final Public Comment and Discussion:** (*Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting*)- *Denise Tyre, Co-Chair*

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**14. Adjournment-** *Denise Tyre, Co-Chair*

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