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The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children

Division of Child and Family Services- Family Programs Office

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Welcome

1. **Call to Order** – *Melinda Rhoades, Co-Chair*
2. **For Information: Roll Call** – *April Stahl, DCFS*



Initial Public Comment

3. 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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CDR EC Purpose

4. For Information Only: Purpose of the Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children-*Denise Tyre, Co-Chair*

The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children is a partnership of professionals, organizations, and agencies with the primary goal of preventing child maltreatment and child death by improving upon the recommendations of law, policy, and practice change. The intent is to bring together community-level organizations and agencies which can shed light on the factors that lead to child death, as well as recommendations to prevent similar deaths in the future. The Executive Committee reviews the findings and recommendations to determine what action to take in an effort to prevent other child fatalities as well as to improve the well-being and safety of children and families through prevention campaign messages and education.



Initial Public Comment

5. For Possible Action: Approve last meeting minutes - *Melinda Rhoades, Co-Chair*

- Consideration, discussion and possible action to approve November 15, 2023, meeting minutes.

➤ *Public Comment will be allowed during discussion of this action item before a vote is taken*



For Possible Action:

6. For Possible Action: Recommendation to remove member from the Committee-*Melinda Rhoades-Co-Chair*

- Consideration, discussion, and possible action to remove committee member, Brian Shoaf from membership due to non-attendance.

➤ *Public Comment will be allowed during discussion of this action item before a vote is taken*



For Possible Action:

7. **For Possible Action:** Approval of proposed meeting dates for future Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children-*Beverly Brown*, DCFS
- Discussion and possible action to correct future Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children meeting dates to be the 3rd 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*



For Possible Action:

8. For Possible Action: The Committee to review and approve the 2021 Annual Statewide Death Report – *Denise Tyre-Co-Chair*

- Consideration, discussion, and possible action to review and approve the 2021 Annual Statewide Death Report
- *Public Comment will be allowed during discussion of this action item before a vote is taken*



For Possible Action:

9. For Possible Action: Discuss next steps for the below recommendations- *Melinda Rhoades, Co-Chair*

- 2021 Quarter 2: Washoe Child Death Review Team recommendation for fentanyl becoming a part of standard hospital drug testing panels.
- 2021 Quarter 4: Washoe Child Death Review Team recommendation that a Public Service Announcement and community education be developed regarding minors operating ATVs.
- 2022 Quarter 4: Clark 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*



For Possible Action:

10. For Possible Action: 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. – *Melinda Rhoades, Co-chair*

- **2023 Quarter 4:**

- Clark:

- 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: These teams recommend the following:

- Recommendations to enhance gun safety awareness, suicide, and resources to assist these efforts, i.e. lock boxes.
 - Recommendation to continue educational efforts 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.



For Possible Action

- **2023 Quarter 4 recommendations continued**

- 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:

- No recommendations.

➤ *Public Comment will be allowed during discussion of this action item before a vote is taken*



For Information Only

11. For Information Only: U.S. Department of Education New Resource for School Administrators on Importance of Safe and Secure Firearm Storage-*April Stahl, DCFS*

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



For Information Only

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

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



Final Public Comment

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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Adjournment

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

- Thank you for your time and commitment to improving services for children and youth in Nevada.