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Date: <insert date>

To: Clark County Child Death Review Team

From: Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children

Re: 2020 Quarter 4 Recommendation

The Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children (Executive Committee) meets quarterly to review the reports and recommendations of the regional multidisciplinary child death review teams and respond to these recommendations. This can include, but is not limited to, making recommendations for improvements to laws, policies, and practices to prevent the deaths of children under eighteen (18) in Nevada.

In Quarter 4 of 2020, the Clark County Child Death Review Team submitted a recommendation to the Executive Committee that health insurance policies should not prevent individuals from filling prescriptions for mental health or physical health issues.

The Executive Committee has been routinely discussing this recommendation at their quarterly meetings since February 17, 2021. With regard to this recommendation, the Executive Committee decided to focus on removing barriers with regard to filling prescriptions for mental health issues and asthma. To this end, the Executive Committee reached out to the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy, the Nevada Insurance Commissioner, and Nevada Medicaid for input regarding this recommendation. Based on their input, the Executive Committee submitted a letter to the Interim Health Committee to seek interest in and support for potential legislation to carry this recommendation forward. However, a representative from the Nevada DHHS Director's Office indicated that the letter was insufficient in that it needed more supporting information, other state agencies should be involved in the recommendation, and that recommendations should be conveyed via the Executive Committee Annual Report. During discussion at the August 17, 2022, meeting of the Executive Committee, the committee learned that the Nevada Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is highlighting the issue the recommendation was trying to address as a policy priority during the upcoming legislative session. Therefore, the Executive Committee has voted to close this recommendation.

The Executive Committee thanks you for your recommendation and values your commitment in preventing child deaths in the State of Nevada. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Jessica Freeman, [jfreeman@dcfs.nv.gov](mailto:jfreeman@dcfs.nv.gov), 702-486-7711.

Respectfully,

The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children