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Date: <Date>

To: Clark County Child Death Review Team

From: Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children

Re: 2021 Quarter 2 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 2 of 2021, the Clark County Child Death Review Team submitted the following recommendation to the Executive Committee:

**Medical professionals including pediatricians, family practitioners, psychiatrists, psychologists, and those at behavioral health facilities be educated on notifying Child Protective Services when a parent or guardian is diagnosed with severe postpartum depression/psychosis, even if there are no explicit verbalizations that threaten the child.**

The Executive Committee discussed this recommendation at their meeting on August 18, 2021. It was discussed that implementing this recommendation could lead to fewer parents or guardians seeking help for their symptoms. While discussing this concern with your team on September 21, 2021 and exploring other possible recommendations, your team decided not to pursue this recommendation any further. Therefore, the Executive Committee will close this recommendation and remove it from further discussion on the agenda.

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