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Ross Armstrong
Administrator

Date: February 17, 2021
To: Clark County Child Death Review Team
From: Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children
Re: 2016 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 2016, the Clark County Child Death Review Team submitted a recommendation to the Executive Committee that medical staff, particularly those with direct contact with pregnant women, be trained on ways to educate pregnant woman about the use of prescription medication during pregnancy, after delivery, and the possibility of transfer to infants during breastfeeding.

The Executive Committee has discussed this recommendation at each meeting since it was initially recommended. The updates regarding this recommendation indicate that this recommendation would be fulfilled through a WIC Provider Breastfeeding Support Toolkit. Although the most recent update indicates that this toolkit has not yet been released or finalized, the Executive Committee has concluded that the toolkit will address the recommendation. 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@dchfs.nv.gov, 702-486-7711.

Respectfully,

The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children

Date: February 17, 2021
To: Clark County Child Death Review Team
From: Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children
Re: 2017 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 2017, the Clark County Child Death Review Team submitted a recommendation to the Executive Committee that, collaboration with the Nevada Board of Medical Examiners occur to increase opportunities for training for physicians on recognizing and reporting child maltreatment and explore other options for increasing awareness around what it means to be a mandated reporter.

The Executive Committee has discussed this recommendation at each meeting since it was initially recommended. In response to this recommendation, mandated reporter training is being developed and a platform to host the training is being explored. The Executive Committee is continuing to explore ways to act in response to this recommendation. The Executive Committee will continue to provide updates on actions taken regarding this recommendation until it is considered closed.

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, 702-486-7711.

Respectfully,

The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children

Date: February 17, 2021
To: Clark County Child Death Review Team
From: Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children
Re: 2018 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 2018, the Clark County Child Death Review Team submitted a recommendation to the Executive Committee that, using best practices from the field, hospitals should adopt a consistent internal policy for assessment of children when they present with suspicious or serious injuries.

The Executive Committee has discussed this recommendation at each meeting since it was initially recommended and has decided to submit this recommendation to the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC). 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, 702-486-7711.

Respectfully,

The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children

Date: February 17, 2021
To: Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance
From: Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children
Re: Committee Recommendation

The Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children (Executive Committee) was established in 1994 with the primary goal of preventing child maltreatment and child deaths in Nevada by making recommendations for law, policy and practice changes, staff training, and public education.

Recommendations are submitted to the Executive Committee by state regional multidisciplinary child death review teams. The following recommendation has been reviewed by the Executive Committee and is being respectfully submitted to the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC) for consideration.

Using best practices from the field, hospitals should adopt a consistent internal policy for assessment of children when they present with suspicious or serious injuries.

As the licensing agency for health facilities in Nevada, suggested potential action could include the following:

- Collaboration with the Executive Committee and/or regional Child Death Review Team members to further discuss how the recommendation can be implemented
- Require training for appropriate licensed medical professionals on assessing children that present with suspicious or serious injuries

The Executive Committee appreciates your consideration of this recommendation. Please contact Jessica Freeman at jfreeman@dcfs.nv.gov or 702-486-7711 to discuss how we can work together to prevent future child deaths in Nevada.

Respectfully,

The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children

CC: Nevada Hospital Association

Date: February 17, 2021
To: Washoe County Child Death Review Team
From: Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children
Re: 2018 Quarter 3 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 3 of 2018, the Washoe County Child Death Review Team submitted a recommendation to the Executive Committee that, regarding suicide prevention, students be indirectly offered daily information so that they know who to call for help and that post-vention tools be provided to schools following a suicide.

The Executive Committee has discussed this recommendation at each meeting since it was initially recommended. The Executive Committee has concluded that this recommendation has been addressed, as there have been other agencies that have been tasked with suicide prevention efforts in the school district. Additionally, supports exist in the community that address suicide prevention and Washoe County has been awarded funding through the Executive Committee to expand their training of suicide prevention. The Executive Committee will close this recommendation and remove it from further discussion on the agenda. However, it will continue to examine this manner of death in our youth to ensure further prevention measures are explored as applicable.

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, 702-486-7711.

Respectfully,

The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children

Date: February 17, 2021
To: Washoe County Child Death Review Team
From: Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children
Re: 2019 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 2019, the Washoe County Child Death Review Team submitted a recommendation to the Executive Committee that dresser straps be added to safety kits in an effort to prevent deaths from large furniture overturning on young children.

The Executive Committee has discussed this recommendation. During the most recent update regarding this recommendation, it was reported that the Washoe County CDR Team was able to obtain funding to make 150 safety kits and include dresser straps in each of them. Therefore, the Executive Committee will close this recommendation and remove it from further discussion on the agenda. However, the Executive Committee considers this to be an appropriate proposal for submission when the Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children Public Awareness Request for Funding opens next year.

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The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children