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MINUTES

of the

Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children Meeting

held on

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via teleconference

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions

Stephanie Herrera called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Executive Committee members present:

- Margarita De Santos, SNHD
- Megan Freeman, DCFS
- Stephanie Herrera, DPBH - Vital Records
- Vicki Ives, DPBH - MCH
- Kathie McKenna, Pioneer Territory CASA
- Sharon Benson, Office of AG
- Misty Vaughan Allen, DPBH – Office of Suicide Prevention
- Michelle Sandoval, DPBH - Rural Clinics
- Tim Burch, Clark County DFS
- Ross Armstrong, DCFS
- Desiree Mattice, Department of Public Safety
- Amber Howell, Washoe County HSA
- Nick Czegledi, Elko County Sheriff's Office

Executive Committee members absent:

- Beth Handler, HHS Director's Office
- Breanna Jenkins, Renown
- Nancy Saitta, Retired
- Jessica Rogers, Las Vegas Metro Police Department
- Linda Kalekas, CCSD
- Christine Eckles, Washoe County JJ
- Lisa Sherych, DPBH

Staff and guests:

- Dawn L Davidson, NICRP
- Jessica Freeman, DCFS
- Elizabeth Holka, NICRP
- Linda Anderson, Nevada Public Health Foundation
- Richard Egan, Office of Suicide Prevention
- Kathryn Roose, DCFS
- Valene Balen, Nevada Psychiatric Association
- Molly Blanchette, DCFS
- Beverly Brown, DCFS
- Denise Tyre, HAS Child Advocacy Unit
- Dylan Nall, DCFS
- Anthony Lonnegren, DCFS

2. Initial Public Comment

No comments.

3. For Possible Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2020

- Approval of November 18, 2020

No discussion or comments.

MOTION: Made by Sharon Benson, seconded by Margarita De Santos, to approve the November 18, 2020 meeting minutes.

UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE; MOTION CARRIED.

4. For Discussion: Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)/Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy (NICRP) Child Death Review (CDR) updates

- Western Region and National CDR Updates
- Sudden Death of the Young (SDY) Program

Jessica Freeman stated that during the Western Regional meeting call held on January 25, 2021, the National Center had many updates. She clarified that the National Center partners with the Executive Committee to host the database that generates the statistics the Executive Committee uses for the annual report. She also clarified that the National Center is the center for fatality review and prevention. The National Center has recently added fields and questions in order to generate information about COVID-19 deaths and intends to produce written guidance in the near future. Jessica stated that the National Center has also created additional fields to garner information about any system gaps that might have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The National Center will soon be hosting one-on-one calls with the State in the upcoming months and has developed a series of trainings on child death investigations that will begin on March 1, 2021. These trainings are free of charge. Jessica asked interested members to notify her if they are a regional team coordinator or if they assist in child death investigations so she can send them the information to obtain access to these trainings. Jessica also provided updates on the Sudden Death of the Young Program. She stated that registration is now open for a virtual reverse site visit with the CDC over a course of three days, March 16th - March 18th. These virtual visits will be held in the morning and they include several presentations on the following topics: data quality, addressing health equity in the case registry, CDR coordinators and team members, sudden death in the young prevention, and barriers to implementation. Jessica stated that these presentations were also free and requested that interested members contact her for registration information. Jessica asked for any additional questions; there were none.

5. For Discussion: Revision of CDR Operating Manual

- This item will be tabled until further notice at which time it will be brought back to this committee for volunteers to participate in manual revisions.

Jessica Freeman stated that during the last Executive Committee meeting in November there was a request for volunteers to review the CDR Operating Manual. She requested that this project be tabled for a couple of months. Family Programs Office (FPO) within DCFS is going to partner with National Fatality Review and Prevention to allow them to research other states' processes and include up-to-date procedures that are being used across the nation. Once revisions are made to the CDR Operating Manual, it will be brought back to the Executive Committee and regional teams to form a workgroup in order to finalize the manual in the near future.

6. For Possible Action: Discuss and approve the response letters for the below recommendations.

- 2016 Quarter 2- WIC Provider Breastfeeding Support Toolkit.
- 2017 Quarter 2- Mandated reporter training.
- 2018 Quarter 2- Policy development by Dr. Andy Eisen with the Clark County area hospitals to develop a standardized set of tests to be able to identify abusive injuries. Review and approve letter to Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC).
- 2018 Quarter 3- Washoe had a task force that completed activities and improved collaboration with the schools for the suicide prevention and post-vention.
- 2019 Quarter 4- Washoe recommended adding dresser straps to their home safety kits.

Margarita De Santos stated that the proposed response letters have been sent out to Executive Committee members for review. Margarita asked if there was any discussion on the 2019 Quarter 2- WIC Provider Breastfeeding Support Toolkit letter; no one raised any questions. Margarita asked Sharon if she needed to ask for discussion and approval for each letter one at a time. Sharon suggested that discussion should be requested for each letter one at a time and that all of the letters could be approved at the end. Margarita thanked Sharon and then asked if there was any discussion for the 2017 Quarter 2- Mandated reporter training letter. Vicki Ives apologized and raised a question regarding the 2016 Quarter 2- WIC Provider Breastfeeding Support Toolkit. Vicki Ives requested that the 2016 Quarter 2- WIC Provider Breastfeeding Support Toolkit letter specify that the resource provided is the Reference Guide for Reproductive Health Complicated by Substance Use which was developed by the Nevada Opioid Use Disorder, Maternal Outcome, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Intuitive (OMNI) workgroup. Margarita confirmed that the last sentence of the letter should read, "The most recent update indicates that this toolkit has not yet been released or finalized. The Executive Committee has concluded that the Reference Guide for Reproductive Health Complicated by Substance Use which was developed by the

Nevada Opioid Use Disorder, Maternal Outcome, and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Intuitive (OMNI) workgroup will address the recommendation.” Jessica Freeman stated that she would revise the letter to include the corrected language. Margarita continued on to ask if there was any discussion regarding the 2017 Quarter 2, 2018 Quarter 2, 2018 Quarter 3, and 2019 Quarter 4 response letters. Ross Armstrong stated the Executive Committee should avoid having any letters past the 90-day mark of recommendations being made. Ross also thanked the Executive Committee for their actions and stated that the 2018 Quarter 2 Recommendation letter was a good example of how the Executive Committee can engage other government entities that are responsible for the public’s health and welfare. There were no additional comments or points for discussion on the 2016 Quarter 2, 2017 Quarter 2, 2018 Quarter 2, 2018 Quarter 3, or 2019 Quarter 4 recommendation letters. Margarita then confirmed that Jessica Freeman had the correct name for the toolkit referenced in the 2016 Quarter 2 recommendation letter. Margarita then requested a motion to approve all of the recommendation letters with the changes as discussed and incorporated.

MOTION: Made by Misty Allen, seconded by Vicki Ives, to approve all of the recommendation letters with the changes as discussed and incorporated.

UNANIMOUS VOICE ROLL CALL VOTE; MOTION CARRIED.

7. For Possible Action: Review and respond to 2020 Quarter 4 summaries of regional CDR team statistics and recommendations and determine if these items need further discussion, ready for formal recommendation, or the item can be considered closed.

- 2020 Quarter 4 – Clark CDR recommends health insurance policies should not prevent individuals from filling prescriptions for mental health or physical health issues.

Dr. Dawn L Davidson stated that in July and August of 2020, the Clark County CDR team reviewed a suicide case in which the team was able to obtain notes from the decedent’s psychiatrist. She stated that from the notes, the decedent was prescribed psychotropic medications for mental health issues the decedent was facing. The decedent’s parents, however, had been waiting to hear back from the pharmacy or insurance company before filling the prescription. Approximately two weeks later, the decedent died by suicide. The Clark CDR team subsequently generated a recommendation stating that health insurance policies should not prevent individuals from filling prescriptions for mental health or physical health issues, as this is a pattern they have seen in cases in the past. Dr. Davidson stated that this recommendation did not include any specific policy recommendations or details about how this recommendation should be carried forward. Misty Allen stated that best practice for this recommendation would also include an education initiative for parents that would provide information to keep their children safe until prescriptions for treating mental health issues could be filled. Desiree Mattice stated that a wraparound service would also be a good addition to the recommendation. This wraparound service would include additional support for school counselors and social workers to monitor students, especially because schooling is now virtual due to COVID-19. Dr. Megan Freeman commented that, depending on the medication prescribed for the decedent in the case that generated the recommendation, it might not have been able to prevent the decedent’s suicide if it was filled within the time frame of two weeks. She nonetheless agreed that health insurance policies should try to

remove any barriers to getting psychotropic medication prescriptions filled. Dr. Freeman doubted that the Executive Committee would be able to advocate for eliminating barriers to filling prescriptions for both psychotropic medications and medications that treat physical ailments and suggested that the team advocate for one at a time. Ross Armstrong stated that an approach to implementing this recommendation should be two pronged. He suggested that the Executive Committee write a letter to the insurance commissioner and Medicaid, since Medicaid covers many individuals in Nevada and the insurance commissioner has the ability to set insurance standards. He also suggested that a letter be written to the State Board of Pharmacy asking them to identify which prescriptions are critical for suicide prevention so that insurance providers will be compelled to provide coverage for this category of drugs no matter what. Ross agreed that the education initiative for parents was also critical in implementing this recommendation, especially because the effects of that medication might not have immediately kicked in. Ross clarified that the Executive Committee should first write the letter to the State Board of Pharmacy to designate which medications are critical for suicide prevention and then send letters to the two insurance oversight groups to notify them of this issue. Dr. Davidson stated that she would work on a response letter based on the Executive Committee recommendations to bring back to the Executive Committee the next meeting date. Jessica Freeman asked for a motion to keep the 2020 Quarter 4 recommendation open until the response letter is drafted.

MOTION: Made by Misty Allen, seconded by Nick Czegledi, to keep the 2020 Quarter 4 recommendation open until the response letter is drafted.

UNANIMOUS VOICE ROLL CALL VOTE; MOTION CARRIED.

8. For Possible Action: Review, discuss, and approve parameters for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 Public Awareness Funding.

- Allocation of funds for SFY public awareness funding- Determine amount of funding for upcoming Notice of Funding Opportunity.
- Agree on funding priorities and areas of focus.
- Agree on date of special meeting- to allow for funding to begin on July 1, 2021 (beginning of SFY 2022) a special meeting would be needed. June 9, 2021 is recommended for this meeting to discuss applications received and approve recommended funding amounts.
- Review ongoing goal of creating a mandated reported training for Nevada- Presentation by DCFS. Approval to use funds for the mandated reported training development and platform.

Stephanie Herrera asked the Executive Committee to discuss amounts of funding to be allocated for funding opportunities. Jessica Freeman stated that she would clarify context to help the Executive Committee decide how to allocate funding. Jessica stated that over the past four fiscal years the Executive Committee allocated anywhere from \$70,000 to \$130,000 for prevention campaigns and have formerly focused the funding on the top four causes and manners of death. The funds have primarily been allocated to safe sleep education, suicide prevention, and drowning prevention. The Executive Committee normally brings in \$115,000 to \$120,000 in revenue each year. Jessica stated that the Executive Committee also carries a large reserve and is presently expected to carry a balance forward of

around \$374,000 beginning on July 1, 2021. Generally, the Executive Committee would keep approximately \$200,000 in reserve because that is enough funding to fund awards and campaigns if needed. At the moment, Jessica stated that it doesn't appear that COVID-19 has affected the budget, which is why the Executive Committee is discussing how to allocate funds at this moment. Stephanie asked Jessica to repeat how much funding she would recommend the Executive Committee keep in the reserves; Jessica stated that the team would generally keep \$200,000 in the reserves. Jessica also stated that the Executive Committee should expect to receive \$100,000 in revenue July 1, 2021, leaving the balance at \$474,000 for the next fiscal year. Jessica stated that the Executive Committee awarded out about \$70,000 in 2016, about \$80,000 in 2017, about \$120,000 in 2018, and in 2019 around \$130,000 in funding. Amber Howell asked why the Executive Committee needed to keep \$200,000, as that seemed to be a large amount. Jessica replied that because the Executive Committee has averaged out approximately \$100,000 in spending, the amount of \$200,000 would comfortably allow the Executive Committee to keep funding available for one year should something happen to the funding source. Amber Howell agreed that \$200,000 seemed to be a lot of funding to keep in the reserves, as no position was dependent on the funding. Ross Armstrong asked to be reminded of what the source of funding for the Executive Committee was. Jessica stated that every time a death certificate gets issued, the Executive Committee gets a fee of around \$1. Amber Howell stated that the funding source suggests that additional funding would necessitate additional spending, since the additional funding would come from an increase in deaths. Ross agreed that the mechanism seems backwards and also agreed with Amber Howell. Ross stated that the conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic is causing an increase in deaths and therefore the Executive Committee should not be concerned with being conservative for this fiscal year. Ross stated that \$100,000 should be more than enough to keep in the reserve. Jessica Freeman suggested that the team should move on to the mandated reported training for Nevada Presentation by DCFS since it pertained to the above discussion regarding the allocation of funding. Beverly Brown, a program specialist with DCFS, and Dylan Nall, also a CPS specialist with DCFS, were the presenters for the mandated reporter training. They stated that, in the state of Nevada, mandated reporters are any professionals that work with children. The Federal Child Abuse and Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) requires each state to have provisions over procedures that require certain individuals to report known or suspected instances of child abuse and neglect. About 75% of reports to child welfare agencies come from mandated reporters, specifically education and law enforcement professionals. Mandated reporter laws are in place to prevent children from being abused and to end any abuse at the earliest possible stage. In 2020, the Executive Committee recognized that the COVID 19 pandemic subsequent quarantine caused a significant decline in mandated reporting. Additionally, the Clark Child Death Review Team had previously recommended that law enforcement take additional mandated reporter training as a result of reviews conducted in 2017 and 2018. The Executive Committee recognized that additional training should be provided in order to increase the number of mandated reporters. DCFS's first goal is to streamline knowledge for individuals who are required by law to be mandated reporters to enable them to report any suspected child abuse or neglect. The second goal is to include one general knowledge course which would include information about federal law and the national child welfare system. This general knowledge course would also include a post knowledge check and additional requirements for continued education for each profession. The third goal includes a training that is profession specific, which would include professions such as child welfare, law enforcement, medical social work, academics, etc. This training would include situations and scenarios that would pertain to what each profession might encounter. These courses would also include a post knowledge check. The fourth goal is to include training with information that would instruct mandated reporters on how to make and utilize quality reports. This would facilitate the outcomes of investigations and screening decisions. The last goal is that all of the courses be translated into Spanish. Sharon Benson stated her concern that the drop in mandated reporters was not necessarily due to a lack

of training, but instead was due to a lack of contact with any children. Sharon continued on to ask if there was any real concern that mandated reporters were having issues outside of the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and quarantine. Margarita De Santos stated that she works with home visiting nurses and they are always requesting additional training and information. Dr. Megan Freeman stated that her agency, DCFS, was actually seeing an increase in reports by mandated reporters and seconded that notion that additional training should be made available. It was stated that Nevada does not at the moment have a uniform mandated reporter training, so that mandated reporters are getting different trainings and therefore receiving different information. A screenshot of California's mandated reporter training was shown and it was stated that Nevada would like to have a similar online platform for its mandated reporter training. California's platform includes a general training, which after completion is followed by trainings that are specific to the profession of the mandated reporter. DCFS expects this project to be a multiyear project and that the yearly budget should not exceed \$150,000 per year. DCFS is predicting a three-year timeframe and would like to begin the project during the next fiscal year, July 2021. Sharon asked for clarification on how much funding the Executive Committee had available for spending and what the Executive Committee typically allocated those funds for. Jessica Freeman stated that the Executive Committee typically allocates funding for prevention campaigns, contracts with NICRP to help with annual reports, in addition to minimal ongoing fees such as mailing, etc. Anthony Lonnegren concurred with what Jessica reported regarding the Executive Committee expenditures and reiterated that there is no employee that is funded through this budget. It was also clarified that the Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy (NICRP) at UNLV has a contract for \$24,893 annually. Misty Allen stated that an annual budget of \$150,000 for the mandated reporter training seemed high and asked for clarification on what the funding was used for. Jessica stated that the budget was projected as such based on how California developed their platform and in order to cover the establishment and maintenance costs of the mandated reporter training platform for Nevada. Ross interjected and stated that the Executive Committee should be spending its funding to reduce child deaths and asked if California has seen a reduction in child deaths since launching its mandated reporter platform. It was stated that DCFS does not currently have that information, however will be able to obtain that information for the next Executive Committee meeting. Ross stated that he shared Misty's concern in that the Executive Committee would be spending half of its annual budget on a project that might not be effective in reducing child deaths. Anthony requested that the Executive Committee communicate and concur on how much exactly it wants to put into the reserve and how much it wants to spend, and that he would be on board with whatever the committee decided. Jessica Freeman stated that she has seen abundant evidence that an increase in training for mandated reporters helps to prevent and detect child abuse early, and therefore does contribute to a reduction and prevention in child deaths. Jessica offered to get into contact with other states that have similar mandated reporter training platforms, including California, and directly inquire whether the mandated reporter training has been effective in reducing child deaths. Sharon agreed that it would be helpful to inquire about how mandated reporter training has helped prevent child deaths in other states and made an inquiry about how mandated reporting would actually impact the top four causes of death in children. Jessica stated that she would inquire about specifically how mandated reporter training would impact the top 4 causes of child death in other states and said she would get back to the Executive Committee with that information at the next meeting. Jessica went on to ask the Executive Committee about how they would like to allocate funding for prevention campaigns. Kathie McKenna stated that, in the prior year, the Executive Committee would first review requests for funding from the Executive Committee and then approve them afterwards. Kathie stated that the Executive Committee typically approves all requests, which is why the Executive Committee spent over \$100,000 the previous year. Sharon Benson stated that she agreed with Ross that \$200,000 was high for a reserve and asked the Executive Committee to reconsider how much funding it would like to keep in the reserve, then work backwards on how much it

would like to spend on different projects. This individual also requested that the Executive Committee also focus on youth suicide, especially considering present circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She went on to request that the Executive Committee have a lower reserve than \$200,000. Misty Allen suggested that the Executive Committee could lower its reserve amount to \$100,000. Margarita De Santos suggested \$150,000 in the reserve. Amber Howell stated that the Executive Committee's revenue was unique in that funding would always be available since deaths will always occur. Amber stated that when deaths increase, there will be a corresponding increase in the Executive Committee's funding, and it is the Executive Committee's responsibility to use the increase in funding to address the trends causing the increase in death. If death decreases and therefore causes a decrease in funding that should not be a concern for the Executive Committee because that would mean that the Executive Committee was effectively addressing the causes of child death in the community. Amber stated that she did not think the Executive Committee should keep any funding in its reserve, primarily because the funding is not tied to any positions. Amber stated that a smaller fund that was not earmarked as a reserve, perhaps an emergency fund, would be preferable for the Executive Committee to keep in case of an emergency such as a pandemic. Amber stated that typically organizations would keep 14-16% of their funding in reserves, and that it was very odd that the Executive Committee considered keeping \$100,000 in its reserves when its revenue is \$125,000. This would mean that the Executive Committee was keeping nearly 100% of its revenue in its reserve. Amber stated that keeping a reserve that was higher than any accounting system she had previously seen seemed very backwards, especially given the nature of what the funding was supposed to be used for. Ross Armstrong concurred with Amber and stated that only a few thousand should be saved by the Executive Committee in case of emergencies such as the current pandemic to allow for a quick response. Ross stated that the Executive Committee was not preventing any deaths by keeping a large amount of money in its bank account. Sharon Benson thanked both Ross and Amber and suggested that \$50,000 might be a comfortable amount of funding for the Executive Committee to save. Misty Allen agreed that \$50,000 was a comfortable amount.

MOTION: Made by Sharon Benson, seconded by Misty Allen, to reduce the amount of funding the Executive Committee keeps in reserve to \$50,000.

UNANIMOUS VOICE ROLL CALL VOTE; MOTION CARRIED.

The Executive Committee went on to discuss funding priorities. Misty Allen stated that she agreed with Vicki Ives that there should be an increase in funding for youth suicides due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which Sharon Benson also agreed with. Margarita De Santos requested that unsafe sleep also be a priority for the Executive Committee, as it also is one of the leading causes of death in children, specifically infants. Richard Egan, from the Office of Suicide Prevention, offered information regarding the first leading causes of death in children. He stated that in Nevada in 2018, suicide was the leading cause of death in children ages 11-18 years. In 2019, the age group for suicide as the leading cause of death shifted to 12-19 years. Richard explained that if the age range was lowered to children ages 1 or younger, suicide would move down the list of leading causes of death to second or third. Sharon Benson asked if there was a shift in the trend for children dying due to unsafe sleeping conditions since the start of quarantine. Tim Burch stated that there were fewer cases of unsafe sleep since the beginning of quarantine, however reminded the Executive Committee about how mental health and drug use correlates with deaths caused by unsafe sleep. Tim also stated that the previous year's efforts for suicide prevention had been effective in distributing information to its target audience of 11-18-year olds, as evidenced by how many times the specific online materials were viewed. A concern about two 8-year olds dying by suicide via the mechanism of hanging was brought up, as it was very unusual for

children so young to exhibit this behavior. Richard Egan stated that the young age of the two 8-year olds begged the question of how they were able to obtain information regarding suicide and at what point did these children make the decision that ending their life was an option. Richard stressed that this question had to be answered on an individual level and case by case basis. Richard also stated that, especially because of COVID-19, a primary concern was distributing information to parents so they could understand the warning signs of suicide in their children. Richard stated that in Nevada in 2019, the leading causes of death in children were in order unintentional injury, suicide, and homicide. Richard stated that key to prevention is awareness, especially to the parents. He stated that the Clark County School District was currently looking at how they could reach out to families with children who have previously been treated for suicidal ideations, as that has also been a trend in the recent uptick in youth suicides. Richard stated that two concerns in the statistics in youth suicide for the year 2020 was an increase in suicide for the Latinx community and an increase in access to lethal means. Richard stated that access to lethal means would be an important part of the awareness campaign. Amber Howell shared that Nevada has been struggling to confront unsafe sleep as a leading cause of death and that the number of deaths is up from last year. Washoe County has worked on extensive campaigns on billboards, within hospitals, etc. and still has not seen much of a decrease in child deaths due to unsafe sleep conditions. Margarita De Santos stated that Clark County also has many cases of unsafe sleep and said that it was possible that families were doubling up in beds and sleeping environments due to lack of employment. She suggested that Nevada inquire about what other states with more effective safe sleep campaigns are doing. Jessica Freeman stated that it sounded that the Executive Committee wanted to focus funding on unsafe sleep conditions and youth suicide prevention and asked voting members to confirm this. Sharon Benson stated that drowning had also been a primary focus for the Executive Committee in the past and asked if drowning was a large concern this year. Jessica stated that it seemed that the Executive Committee wanted to prioritize youth suicide and unsafe sleep. Vicki Ives suggested that the top four causes of deaths as listed in the Executive Committee's report be the focus of funding and raised a concern that public awareness campaigns had limited effectiveness in reducing child deaths in these categories. She inquired whether the money could also be used to create changes in any systems that could prevent child deaths. Sharon clarified that the funding was designated for the use of public awareness.

MOTION: Made by Sharon Benson, seconded by Nick Czegledi, to focus the Executive Committee's funding on safe sleep and suicide prevention.

UNANIMOUS VOICE ROLL CALL VOTE; MOTION CARRIED.

Jessica Freeman spoke about the special meeting. She requested that the Executive Committee hold a special meeting in June 9, 2021 in order to give funding applicants enough time to submit applications. She requested that the Executive Committee discuss this.

MOTION: Made by Sharon Benson, seconded by Nick Czegledi, that the Executive Committee hold a special meeting on June 9, 2021 to discuss applications received and approve recommended funding amounts.

Jessica Freeman requested all voting members for yeas, nays, and abstentions. All present voting members voted yea; MOTION CARRIED.

Jessica Freeman asked the Executive Committee if they would like to cap the amount of funding they spend. \$300,000 was suggested in order to allow the Executive Committee to fund projects that are evidence-based or are promising practices.

MOTION: Made by Sharon Benson, seconded by Misty Allen, to begin the RFP process with up to \$300,000.

UNANIMOUS VOICE ROLL CALL VOTE; MOTION CARRIED.

9. For Possible Action: The Executive Committee’s recommendation to DCFS for the annual Citizen’s Review Panel report.

- Discuss and review possible recommendations to submit for the CRP.

Stephanie Herrera stated the Executive Committee serves as part of the Citizen’s Review Panel. Due to time constraints, this agenda item was tabled and will be raised again during the next Executive Committee meeting.

10. For Discussion: Top four manners/causes of death of children in Nevada.

- Unsafe Sleep
- Suicide
- Drowning
- Homicide

Stephanie Herrera reiterated that there was an increase in youth suicide and that the data has remained the same. There were no additional comments.

12. Final Public Comment

No comments.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM.