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Date: June 26, 2024
To: Carson County Child Death Review Team
From: Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children
Re: 2023 Q4 Recommendations

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 for consideration to prevent future deaths of children.

The following recommendations was submitted by the Carson County Child Death Review Team in Quarter 4 of 2023. These recommendations (apart from 3) were reviewed by the Executive Committee during the quarterly meeting held on June 26, 2024. The Committee's decisions are outlined below.

- 1. 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. April is Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention month.**

The Executive Committee decided not to take action on this recommendation as your region can work address locally efforts by partnering with community agencies to provide public awareness around reporting.

- 2. 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.**

The committee decided not to take action on this recommendation as extensive efforts are already occurring in the State through the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DBPH) to address the need.

3. Regarding home construction/renovations – Request that the local fire department partner with the Tribe regarding fire prevention strategies. Provide the community with education around the risks of making home improvements without trained professionals.

The committee decided not to take action on this recommendation on February 14, 2024. The Committee determined the State does not have jurisdiction over Tribal Land and therefore is unable to support this recommendation. The Committee suggests your agency partner with Tribes and community agencies already involved in these preventative efforts.

4. Enhancing gun safety awareness, suicide, and resources to assist these efforts, i.e., lock boxes.

The Committee will take action on this recommendation as access to lethal means is a major contributing factor in the suicide of children in Nevada.

The Executive Committee appreciates your recommendation and continued efforts to prevent future child deaths in Nevada. If you have any questions, please contact April Stahl at astahl@dcs.nv.gov.

Respectfully,

The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children