

Steve Sisolak
Governor



Richard Whitley, MS
Director

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
Helping people. It's who we are and what we do.



Ross Armstrong
Administrator

Date: May 19, 2021
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 discussed this recommendation at their quarterly meeting on February 17, 2021. In response to this recommendation, the Executive Committee has decided to focus on removing barriers with regard to filling prescriptions for mental health issues at this time. Specifically, the Executive Committee will be contacting the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy to determine which psychotropic medications should be covered for children by all insurance companies without the delay of determining coverage. Once a list of medications is determined, the Executive Committee will contact the Insurance Commissioner and Nevada Medicaid to recommend action be taken to eliminate barriers to children prescribed the identified medications. The Executive Committee also discussed the use of best practices to educate families on how to keep children safe until their psychotropic prescriptions can be filled and take effect. The Executive Committee is continuing to explore these best practices and how to promote them. 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