

The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children

May 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes Draft

- Voting Members present:
 - Christine Eckles-Washoe County JJ
 - Sherry McPartlin-CCSD
 - Denise Tyre-Chair
 - Amber Hurtado-Washoe
 - Kathie McKenna- Advocates for Children of Rural Nevada
 - Kelsey Keema-DCFS
 - Kandee Mortenson-DCFS
 - Liz Stetson-DCFS
 - Nikki Mead-Vital Records
 - Vicki Ives- DPBH - MCH
- Non-voting participants:
 - Frank Prado-CCFS
 - Ryan Gustafson-Washoe
 - Michael Cason-DCFS
 - Clayden Porter-DCFS
 - Kyra Morgan-DCFS
 - Michelle Sandoval- CHS-RC
 - Amanda Haboush-PCAN
 - Jordan Dudley-UNLV
 - April Stahl-DCFS
 - Dawn Davidson-UNLV
 - Betsey Crumrine-DCFS
 - Jimesian Sanders-DCFS
 - Dylan Nall-DCFS
 - Jorge Montano-Figueroa-Renown (Safe Kids)
 - Cody Phinney-DBPH
 - Dena Schmidt- DBPH
- Voting Members Absent
 - Megan Soracco- DCFS
 - Ernie Kazmir- Reno Police Dept
 - Misty Vaughn-Allen- DPBH - Suicide Prevention
 - Isaac Rowe- Office of AG

Transcription Started: 10:04AM

1. Call to Order – April Stahl called meeting to order, 10:04 am on May 21st, 2025

2. For Information Only: Roll Call – April Stahl, -DCFS

Voting members

Sherry McPartlin (no response)

Christine Eccles: Here

Denise Tyre: Here

Amber Hurtado: Here

Kathy McKenna: Here

Kelsey Keema: Here

Megan Soracco: (No response)

Kandee Mortenson: Here

Liz Stetson: Here

Mandy Hall: (No response)

Nikki Mead: Here

Ernie Kazmir: (No response)

Vicki Ives: Here

Misty Vaughn-Allen: (No response)

Non-voting members

Frank Prado

Ryan Gustafson

Cody Phinney

Jorge Montano-Figeroa

Dawn Davidson

3. Initial Public Comment (Discussion only): Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting – April Stahl, DCFS

- No Public Comment

4. For Information Only: April Stahl read the Review the Purpose of the Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children – April Stahl, DCFS

5. For Possible Action: Solicitation of Nominees for new Co-Chair Executive Committee and vote for new Co-Chair. – April Stahl, DCFS

- No nominations made, agenda item will carry over to August 2025 agenda.

6. For Possible Action: Approval of the February 19, 2025, meeting minutes – Denise Tyre, Co-Chair

- February 19, 2025, meeting minutes approved.

7. For Possible Action: Discussion and recommendations to the Regional CDR team regarding each team's membership, including a review of regional CDR team rosters – April Stahl, DCFS

- Discussion of Washoe Medical examiners should be invited to the regional CDR team meetings where the Washoe County Medical Examiners office is utilized.
- Discussed the Statewide Child Fatality Specialist being invited to all Rural CDR team meetings.

- Discussed regularly revisiting membership to ensure regional CDR teams include statutorily required participants and meaningful participation.
- Removed individuals who have retired or are no longer participating.
- Fallon office is working to reestablish the team as individuals have left their agencies.
- Rosters approved by the EC as participants meet the statutory requirements.

8. For Possible Action: Consideration, discussion and possible approval for the Review of Death of Children Account NRS 432B.409 funding award recommendations for the 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity. – April Stahl-DCFS

- Provided the subcommittee recommendations for funding awards.
 - \$12, 500.00 for Community Chest, Hope Means Nevada, NyE Communities Coalition, Olive Crest, Washoe County Human Services Agency, and East Valley Family Services.
 - \$10,100.00 for Desert Rose Gives
 - \$14,900.00 for Suicide Prevention Network
- The EC approved funding awards and DFS to forward to the Grants Management Unit.

9. For Possible Action: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the 2022 Statewide Child Death Report edits. – April Stahl, DCFS

- List of grammatical and data corrections reviewed. The EC approved the edits and finalization of the 2022 Child Death Report and posting.

10. For Information Only: Review the previous quarter top causes and manners of death from the regional Child Death Reviews. -April Stahl, DCFS

- April Stahl reviewed the top manners of death of the cases reviewed by regional CDR teams in quarter 1.
- Request to ensure there is a disclaimer in the future indicating the numbers are only a reflection of the cases reviewed during the quarter and are not representative of the total number fatalities that occurred in the corresponding quarter.

11. For Information Only: Regional Child Death Review (CDR) Team 2025 Quarter 2 report out on regional trends, number of reviews, and their recommendations to the Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children. – Regional CDR team Chairs

- Carson Region (Carson City, Douglas, and Storey counties)
 - No reviews this quarter
- Clark County
 - 18 natural deaths, 13 accidents, 6 homicides, 4 suicides, and eight undetermined deaths.
 - Within those 13 accidents, there were four motor vehicle deaths, 4 drownings, and four asphyxia deaths due to unsafe sleep.
 - Within those homicides, four were due to firearms.
 - No recommendations

- Elko/Ely Region (Elko, Eureka, Lander, and White Pine counties)
 - No reviews this quarter.
- Fallon Region (Churchill, Lander, Pershing, and Humboldt counties)
 - No reviews this quarter.
- Nye County Region (Nye, Esmeralda, Pahrump, Lincoln counties)
 - One child death that we reviewed that was determined to be accidental.
 - Recommendation regarding the proper use of child-car seats.
- Lyon/ Mineral County
 - Two reviews, one for an open case and one due to premature birth.
 - No Recommendations
- Washoe County
 - No reviews this quarter.
- **12. For Possible Action:** Acknowledgment of receipt and response to the regional CDR Team 2025 Quarter 2 recommendations presented during agenda item 11. – Denise Tyre, Co-Chair
 - Recommendation related to proper use of car seats. Caregivers improperly used a car seat by having a small child placed and left in that child car seat for an extended period of time instead of having the child placed in a proper sleeping arrangement. As a result of that, the child became entangled in the car seat.
 - Region is working with some of our community partners in trying to develop or have information disseminated throughout the Community regarding the proper use. The Family Resource Center and another service provider out here that assist with providing families with car seats and installing them correctly and through the course of that there is education. However, if you don't go to them, they will not be able to send that information out.
 - Safe KIDS Has offered to share resources about this recommendation regarding car seats to Mr. Cason, who also shared that he is open to receiving more resources for his community through and that they have a family Resource Center, which would be a good place to start.
 - April Stahl: The committee needs to decide if this is if the recommendation is going to be a statewide effort that the Executive Committee is going to take on, or if that recommendation can be sent back to the region that made the recommendation to handle locally.
 - Vicky Ives. For the record, I think it might be helpful to get with the Office of Traffic Safety and get a better idea of the efforts they're making. There are components in the statewide Safe sleep program that specifically mentioned car seats in relation to not leaving children in them during transfer, that doesn't match perfectly with this, but there are some touch points there.
 - EC voted to Acknowledging the receipt of the recommendation and that agencies will support the Pahrump office with additional services to be handled at the local level.

- **13. For Information Only:** Update the Executive Committee regarding training for the regional child death review teams to include a discussion of potential agenda topics and proposed dates and locations. -April Stahl, DCFS
 - National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention
 - Clark 8/13 to 8/15th and Washoe 8/25 to 8/27.
 - If the NCFRP is not able to facilitate if they are not funded in July is for April Stahl, Lisa Gibson, and Denise Tyre to provide the training.
 - All Regional CDR Team voting members are to participate.
 - FPO to distribute Flier to the Regional CDR Team chairs for distribution once the NCFRP confirms the dates.
 - Denise Tyre: Washoe County training will be held at 350 S Center downtown in Reno.
 - Clark in process of reserving a space.
- **14. For Information Only:** Updates to the Executive Committee on activities and spending of funds by current grantees for the prevention of child fatalities (Please see supporting materials).
 - Baby's Bounty
 - Not present, no materials received
 - Community Chest
 - Not present, no materials received
 - Nevada Medical Center, Hope Means Nevada
 - Not present, no materials received
 - Suicide Prevention Network
 - Not present, no materials received
 - NyE
 - Megan Mapes: Continued the Hope Squad work. In Tonopah at the beginning of May, we did a really cool mental health awareness walk. Posted information about lethal means and suicide prevention messaging out on our social media and for the last two months, I think are reaches around 750 unique views.
 - Will reach out to the Hope Squad advisor through the school district and see 'cause I know at a minimum I should be able to get pictures of the Hope Wall itself that they put up, that they put together at Prime Valley High School and there might be some approved photos from.

15. Final Public Comment and Discussion: (Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting)- April Stahl, DCFS

- Member of the public: The public disclosure forms that are available It would be really appreciated if the information was correct. A child's fatality report posted on September 24th, 2024, in which the child is referred to as a boy when she was a girl.

It just makes it seem like these children that are no longer with us, they just become numbers. And they were amazing, wonderful human beings and I think that everyone should remember humanity, remember their humanity and there are people that are affected deeply by these deaths. My family and I will never be the same because of one of these deaths. Thank you

- April Stahl: Thank you, and I am sorry for your loss. If you would like to speak to me separately, stay on the meeting after everyone leaves and I will end the recording.

16. Adjournment – April Stahl DCFS

- So, with that, the meeting is adjourned On May 21st, 2025, at 11:26 AM, I will stop the recording and thank you all for participating and thank you for your time and commitment to improve the lives of children and youth in Nevada.