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## ---PUBLIC NOTICE---

### NEVADA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE DEATH OF CHILDREN AGENDA (NRS 432B.409)

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 15, 2024

**TIME:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (or until adjournment)

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## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** – Melinda Rhoades, Co-Chair
2. **For Information Only**: Roll Call – April Stahl, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)
3. **For Information Only**: 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) – Melinda Rhoades, Co-Chair

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4. **For Information Only**: Purpose of the Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children – Melinda Rhoades, Co-Chair
  - A. Provide the purpose of the Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children.
5. **For Possible Action**: Approve February 14, 2024 meeting minutes. – Melinda Rhoades, Co-Chair
  - A. Consideration, discussion and possible action to approve the February 14, 2024 meeting minutes.

➤ *Public Comment will be allowed during discussion of this action item before a vote is taken*

6. **For Information Only**: Review and Discussion of Previous Regional Child Death Review Team Recommendations- April Stahl, Family Programs Office, Beverly Brown, Family Programs Office
  - A. Provide an overview of previous Child Death Review Team Regional Team recommendations and the Executive Committee’s actions.
  - B. Review the 2021 Statewide Child Death Report top four causes and manner of death for children in Nevada.
    - 1) Accidents caused by asphyxia
    - 2) Motor vehicle accidents
    - 3) Drowning accidents
    - 4) Homicides caused by bodily force or weapon
  - C. 2023 Quarter 4 Regional Recommendations:
    - a. **Clark County**:
      - 1) This team recommends financial support in the recruitment, hiring, placement, and retention of a pediatric abuse specialist in a hospital or clinic in Clark County.

- **Rural Counties:** These teams recommend the following:
  - 1) Enhancing gun safety awareness, suicide, and resources to assist these efforts, i.e. lock boxes.
  - 2) Providing education related to safe sleep.
  - 3) 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.
  - 4) 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.
- **Washoe County:**
  - 1) No recommendations.

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**7. For Possible Action:** Review and respond to 2024 Quarter 1 Regional Child Death Review Team recommendations. – Denise Tyre, Co-Chair

- A. Consideration and discussion of fatality prevention recommendations provided by regional Child Death Review Teams and possible action by the Executive Committee to approve or close the recommendation and determine what actions the Executive Committee would like to take on approved recommendations.

**8. For Possible Action:** Review and approve letters to the Child Death Review Teams for closed recommendations–Melinda Rhoades, Co-Chair

- A. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve letters that will be sent to the regional Child Death Review Teams advising of actions taken by the Executive Committee for their recommendation and closure of the recommendation by the Executive Committee.

**9. For Possible Action:** Notice of Funding Opportunity Subcommittee’s recommendations for subawards of Public Awareness Funding for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025 – Denise Tyre-Co-Chair

- A. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve the Notice of Funding Opportunity Subcommittee’s recommendations for subawards of the Public Awareness Funding for SFY 2025.

➤ *Public Comment will be allowed during discussion of this action item before a vote is taken*

**10. For Possible Action:** Approval of Regional Child Death Review team membership. -Melinda Rhoades, Co-Chair

- A. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve the current memberships of the regional Child Death Review Teams to ensure compliance with [NRS 432B.406](#)

**11. For Possible Action:** Approval of the 2024 Annual Citizens Review Panel (CRP) recommendation to DCFS – Denise Tyre, Co-Chair

- A. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve the recommendation that was drafted in the Citizens Review Panel subcommittee in April 2024.
- B. It is recommended that the Division of Child and Family Services partner with community agencies as appropriate to increase public awareness around child deaths to include asphyxia, motor vehicle accidents, drowning, poisoning overdoses or acute intoxication, and suicide. The efforts will include education and collaboration to prevent future child fatalities in Nevada.

**12. 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)*- Denise Tyre, Co-Chair

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**13. Adjournment-** Denise Tyre, Co-Chair

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