

The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children

August 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes Draft

- Voting Members present:
 - Denise Tyre- Chair
 - Amber Hurtado-Washoe
 - Kathie McKenna- Advocates for Children of Rural Nevada
 - Megan Soracco- DCFS
 - Kandee Mortenson- DCFS
 - Liz Stetson- DCFS
 - Nikki Mead-Vital Records
 - Isaac Rowe- Office of AG
- Non-voting participants:
 - April Stahl- DCFS
 - Dawn Davidson- NICRP
 - Jorge Montano-Figueroa- Renown (Safe Kids)
 - Melinda Rhoades, SAFY
- Voting Members Absent
 - Sherry McPartlin- CCSD
 - Christine Eckles-Washoe County JJ
 - Kelsey Keema- DCFS
 - Mandy Hall- DCFS
 - Ernie Kazmar- Reno Police Dept
 - Misty Vaughn-Allen- DPBH - Suicide Prevention
 - Vicki Ives- DPBH-MCH

Transcription Started: 10:06AM

1. Call to Order – Denise Tyre, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order, 10:06 am on August 20th, 2025

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

Voting members

Sherry McPartlin: (No response)

Christine Eckels: (No response)

Denise Tyre: Here

Amber Hurtado: Here

Kathie McKenna: Here

Kelsey Keema: (No response)

Megan Soracco: Here

Kandee Mortenson: Here

Liz Stetson: Here

Mandy Hall (No response)

Nikki Mead: Here

Ernie Kazmar: (No response)

Vicki Ives: (No response)

Misty Vaughn-Allen: (No response)

Izaac Rowe: Here

Non-voting members

April Stahl

Dawn Davidson

Jorge Montano-Figueroa

Melinda Rhoades

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: Review the Purpose of the Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children – April Stahl, DCFS

5. For Information Only: Regional Child Death Review Team report out on regional trends and number of reviews – Regional CDR team Chairs

- Carson Region (Carson City, Douglas, and Storey counties)
 - Reviewed 4 cases.
 - 1 natural death and 3 undetermined deaths.
 - Within those 3 undetermined deaths, there were 2 related to unsafe sleep factors and 1 related to chemical toxicity.
- Clark County
 - Reviewed 29 cases.
 - 8 natural deaths, 9 accidents, 2 homicides, 4 suicides, and 6 undetermined deaths.
 - Within those 9 accidents, there were 2 motor vehicle deaths, 2 drownings, and 4 asphyxia deaths due to unsafe sleep.
 - Within those 2 homicides, there was 1 due to abuse.
 - All 4 suicides were gunshot wound deaths.
 - 1 recommendation regarding awareness of Nevada safety regulations for electric bicycle (e-bike) operation.
- Elko/Ely Region (Elko, Eureka, Lander, and White Pine counties)
 - No reviews this quarter.
- Fallon Region (Churchill, Lander, Pershing, and Humboldt counties)
 - Reviewed 3 cases.
 - 2 accidents and 1 undetermined death.
 - Within those 2 accidents, there was 1 asphyxia death due to wedging and there was 1 motor vehicle death due to blunt head trauma.

- Nye County Region (Nye, Esmeralda, Pahrump, Lincoln counties)
 - No reviews this quarter.
- Lyon/Mineral County
 - Reviewed 1 case.
 - 1 undetermined death.
- Washoe County
 - Reviewed 5 cases,
 - 1 natural death, 2 accidents, 1 suicide, and 1 undetermined death.
 - The 1 natural death was from complications with COVID-19 and influenza.
 - Within those 2 accidents, there was 1 due to being struck by a boulder and 1 due to hydrocodone toxicity and tonsillectomy complications.
 - The 1 suicide was death by hanging.
 - The 1 undetermined death was an unexplained sudden infant death with both intrinsic and extrinsic factors.

6. For Possible Action: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to nominate and vote on Executive Committee Co-Chair – Denise Tyre, Co-Chair

- Nominations for new Co-Chair were Stacey Dastrup, Amity Latham, and Anya Earl.
- The EC motioned to have Co-Chair nominees come forward at the next meeting and have the EC discuss the bylaws regarding the possibility of having more than one co-chair on the EC.

7. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to approve of the May 21st, 2025, meeting minutes – Denise Tyre, Co-Chair

- The EC motioned to approve the May 21, 2025 meeting minutes with the correction of adding Meagan Soracco as present.

8. For Possible Action: Consideration, discussion and possible approval of future meeting dates – April Stahl, DCFS

- The EC motioned to approve 2026 meeting dates: February 18th, May 20th, August 19th, and changed the November 25th meeting date to November 18th.

9. For Possible Action: Consideration, discussion and possible approval to develop subcommittee to review and update the Executive Committee statewide protocols in accordance with [NRS 432B.409](#) – April Stahl, DCFS

- Liz Stetson and Amber Hurtado volunteered to be a part of the subcommittee. If anyone is interested in joining, reach out to April Stahl.

10. For Possible Action: Regional Child Death Review (CDR) Team 2025 Quarter 3 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

- Dawn Davidson presented the Clark County recommendation related to electric bicycle

(e-bike) operation. This quarter, the team reviewed a case in which a teenager was driving an e-bike without a helmet, failed to stop at a stop sign, and entered the path of an oncoming vehicle, which resulted in the teenager's death.

- E-bikes are quieter than motor bikes which may make them less noticeable to drivers and pedestrians, while also reaching higher speeds than traditional bicycles. This makes e-bikes potentially more dangerous.
- E-bike users may not be aware of Nevada's 2025 electric bicycle laws, which set clear rules on where and how e-bikes can be operated.
- The recommendation is that Nevada regulations and safety concerning e-bikes and other motorized bicycles be promoted throughout the state to prevent future accidents.
- The recommendation would focus on strengthening parent and care-giver knowledge and skills, public awareness and promoting community education, and mobilizing neighborhoods and communities to disseminate information.
- Jorge Montano-Figueroa recommended that this be a statewide initiative. He reported seeing a significant rise in injuries and fatalities in Northern Nevada with e-bikes.

11. For Possible Action: Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of the regional CDR Team 2025 Quarter 3 recommendations presented during agenda item 10 – April Stahl, DCFS

- The EC voted to acknowledge the receipt of the Clark County recommendation and approve it.

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

- No public comment.

13. Adjournment – Denise Tyre, Co-Chair

- The meeting was adjourned on August 20th, 2025, at 11:09 AM.