

## MINUTES

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### **Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children Subcommittee to Collaborate with the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC)**

*held on*

**November 03, 2022**

via Microsoft Teams

[Meeting Link](#)

Call-in number: 1(775) 321-6111; Extension: 414588777#

#### **1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions**

Stephanie Herrera called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

Subcommittee members present:

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| Stephanie Herrera, Office of Vital Records                        | Dr. Andrew Eisen, Valley Health Systems  |
| • Jessica Freeman, DCFS   | • Dr. Sandra Horning, Summerlin Hospital |
| • Paul Shubert, HCQC  | • Dawn Davidson, NICRP                   |
| • Vicki S. Ives, Bureau of Child Family and<br>Community Wellness | • Orjola Merkaj, NICRP                   |

#### **2. Initial Public Comment**

No comments.

#### **2. For Possible Action: Approval of meeting minutes from September 08, 2022.**

Stephanie Herrera requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 8th. MOTION: Made by Vicki Ives, seconded by Dr. Sandra Horning, to approve the September 8, 2022 meeting minutes.

UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTION CARRIED

#### **4. For Discussion: Discuss and approve the next steps for the below recommendation.**

- 2018 Quarter 2

- Hospitals should adopt a consistent internal policy for the assessment of children when they present with suspicious or serious injuries.
  - Continue working on the outline for the procedure/policy.
  - Approve revisions to the tip sheet if feedback received
  - Discuss survey results and determine if follow-up is needed
  - Determine the next steps of the sub-committee

Jessica Freeman mentioned that the team reviewed the only two survey responses that were submitted. Despite the decision to send out the blurb, tip sheets, and the survey link again, no additional responses were received. Jessica stated that it would be beneficial for the committee to determine what the appropriate next steps would be for the committee. Part of what the committee was doing was to develop the tip sheets and eventually get it into regulations. Jessica indicated she does not know if the subcommittee needs to continue to meet while tip sheets go into regulations or if they want to meet up when it gets closer to the process of it being completed. Jessica mentioned since there has not been any additional feedback presented, she does not know how to proceed forward as a subcommittee. She indicated that the survey and materials can be found on the DCFS website under the CPS services important links and through the executive committee webpage. Prevent Child Abuse Nevada will likely be posting the materials as well. Jessica stated that the doctors and medical professionals on this current call have distributed the survey at least twice and is unsure where the team should go moving forward.

Dr. Andrew Eisen mentioned that the team is at a point where they need to see the kind of impact the team is having and take time to identify the gaps of getting the information out there. Dr. Eisen acknowledged that there will be a lot of respiratory illnesses this winter so the survey will have to take a backseat until the spring time. He mentioned the team can see where there might be gaps in the information and reassess if there was any difference. Dr. Sandra Horning expressed that in all her time practicing emergency medicine and pediatric emergency medicine, she has never seen this many respiratory illnesses like this fall. She agreed with Dr. Eisen on how we need to get through this season first and looking at what the gaps are would be important. She does not think anyone would give us much information at this point due to the fact that everyone is trying their best to stay afloat. Jessica agreed with both Dr. Eisen and Dr. Horning, that this may be a good approach. She wants to come back to reassess and put a hiatus on this survey. Jessica wants the committee to continue networking and promoting the information to their groups when they get a chance. She announced the team should meet again in late February or early March and assess the survey at that point and time. The survey is accessed through SurveyMonkey and it is currently open and active. If needed, she will assess midwinter about changing the survey platform.

Vickie Ives mentioned there might be an opening for an early February grand rounds pediatric presentation at Renown UNR if anyone would be interested in presenting the material. Jessica will reach out to Dr. Deeter about this for more information. Dr. Horning mentioned having the residency programs present the information alongside being embedded in a curriculum or an AAP meeting. Jessica pointed out that the information got shared through the AAP Nevada Chapter email link. She also

mentioned that Dr. Jha works with the residents at the UNLV medical program. Jessica also indicated that there was a training announcement in the AAP newsletter about training being offered from Utah in regards to identifying child abuse. She thinks there is more awareness coming out which is beneficial. Finally, Jessica announced that the subcommittee is going on hiatus for now and will meet in the spring in hopes of having collected more feedback and being able to assess gaps or barriers that the team found. The team agreed with her statement.

## **5. Final Public Comment**

No comments.

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.