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**MINUTES**

*of the*

**Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children**

**Citizen Review Panel Subcommittee Meeting**

*held on*

**June 26, 2024**

via Microsoft Teams

[Meeting Link](#)

Call-in number: 1(775) 321-6111; Extension: 64886010#

**1. Call to Order**

Beverly Brown called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

**2. For Information Only: Roll Call**

• **Executive Committee members present:**

- Kathie McKenna, Pioneer Territory CASA
- Anya Earl, proxy for Melinda Rhoades, SAFY
- Amber Hurtado, proxy for Denise Tyre Human Services at Washoe County
- Vickie S. Ives, DPBH-MCH
- Christine Eckles, Washoe County JJ
- Desiree Mattice, Department of Public Safety
- Misty Vaughan Allen, DPBH – Suicide Prevention
- Sheri McPartlin, CCSD
- Megan Soracco, DCFS
- Kandee Mortenson, DCFS
- Jill Marano, Clark County DFS
- Jorge Montano, Safe Kids
- Nikki Mead, Office of Vital Records
- Kaitlynn Rodriguez, DC

• **Staff and guests:**

- Dawn Davidson, NICRP
- Orjola Merkaj, NICRP
- April Stahl, DCFS
- Allison Genco, Government Relations
- Dylan Nall, DCFS
- Elyse Monroy-Marsala/Lea Case, Belz & Case
- Beverly Brown, DCFS
- Ryan Gustafson, Washoe County HSA
- Zontonia Moore, guest
- Geordan Goebel, Attorney General DHHS
- Sabrina Schnur, Belz & Case

**3. For Information Only: Initial Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**4. For Information Only: Discuss the Purpose Of the Executive Committee To Review the Death of Children, Provided by April Stahl DCFS.**

The Executive Committee agendas will begin providing updates on Regional CDR recommendations rather than waiting until the end of the year.

**5. For Information Only: Review of 2024 Quarter 1 Regional Child Death Review Team reports**

No recommendations were made.

**6. For Possible Action: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to Approve February 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

- MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from February 14, 2024.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.

**7. For Possible Action: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve the 2021 Statewide Fatality Report**

- MOTION: To approve the 2021 Statewide Fatality Report.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.

**8. For Information Only: Review and Discussion of Previous Regional Child Death Review Team Recommendations**

- A. Provided 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

**9. For Possible Action:** Consideration, discussion, and possible action to respond to the 2023 Quarter 4 Regional Child Death Review Teams fatality prevention recommendations for Clark County, Washoe County, and the Rural Counties

- *Public Comment will be allowed during discussion of this action item before a vote is taken.*
  - MOTION: To approve the recommendation and create a subcommittee at the next Executive Committee meeting.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.
- Rural county recommendation is to enhance gun safety awareness, suicide, and resources to assist these efforts.

The Office of Suicide Prevention (OSP) has been tasked with implementing SB294, which addresses safe storage and education for specific communities around lethal means. OSP collaborated with the PACT Coalition and UNLV to develop training and improve the website and materials around this topic. This was funded by the Capacity Building Grant awarded to the Clark County CDR Team. OSP stated they work closely with Mobile Crisis to provide gunlocks and medication safes, but the demand exceeds the supply.

- MOTION: To keep the recommendation open for future efforts.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.
- Rural county recommendation was to provide education related to safe sleep.
  - MOTION: To close the recommendation to provide education related to safe sleep as there are already efforts statewide to provide ongoing education to families.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.
- Rural county recommendation is a large-scale public service announcement that includes “if you see something, say something” if there is a concern about abuse/neglect. This may help with reporting practices from family members and bystanders. This recommendation suggests sending this message through social media, billboards, and local media ads.
  - MOTION: To close the recommendation.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.

- Rural county recommendation is regarding the topic of postpartum depression. The recommendation was as follows. May is postpartum depression month and can be part of large-scale public service announcements, including targeted interventions with ongoing conversations about postpartum depression, possible red flags, and what to do. Continue training medical professionals about the correlation between postpartum depression and child safety, being aware and sensitive to cultural and gender views and stigmas about mental health. Include press releases and brochures in doctor's offices and community resource settings discussing postpartum depression for both men and women.
  - MOTION: Made by Meagan Soracco seconded by Nikki Mead to close this recommendation.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.
  - Washoe County did not have recommendations during 2023 Q4.

**10. For Possible Action:** 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.

- MOTION: To approve the letter to Clark County Child Death Review with the discussed changes.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.
- Letter to Washoe County Child Death Review team and is regarding the public service announcement and community education that is being developed regarding minors operating all-terrain vehicles. The Executive Committee collaborated with Safe Kids and the Nevada Off-Road Vehicle Association. Several announcements and community engagement opportunities were provided.
  - MOTION: Made by Sheri McPartlin seconded by Kandee Mortenson to approve the letter to send to Washoe County Child Death Review team.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.
- Letter is to the Washoe County Child Death Review team and concerns hospitals and drug-testing facilities implementing fentanyl testing as part of their standard drug-testing procedure.
  - MOTION: Made by Nikki Mead seconded by Misty Allen to approve the letter.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.

- 11. For Possible Action:** Consideration, discussion, and possible action to review and respond to the Notice of Funding Opportunity Subcommittee’s recommendations for sub awards of the Public Awareness Funding for SFY 2025.
- *Public Comment will be allowed during discussion of this action item before a vote is taken.*
    - MOTION: To approve the funding opportunity awards.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.
- 12. For Possible Action:** Consideration, discussion, and possible action to review and respond to the current memberships of the regional Child Death Review Teams to ensure compliance with NRS [432B.406](#).
- MOTION: To approve the Carson City Regional CDR team.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.
  - MOTION: To approve the Clark County Regional CDR team with the addition of Heather Strasser.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.
  - MOTION: To approve Elko and Ely’s Regional CDR team.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.
  - MOTION: To approve Lyon and Mineral’s Regional CDR team.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.
  - MOTION: To approve the Pahrump Regional CDR team.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.
  - MOTION: To approve the Washoe County Regional CDR team.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.
- 13. For Possible Action:** Consideration, discussion, and review to respond to the Citizens Review Panel recommendation drafted by the Citizens Review Panel Subcommittee in April 2024.
- On April 4, 2024. The subcommittee met to develop a recommendation for the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS). They recommended that DCFS partner with community agencies, as appropriate, to increase evidence-based public awareness around child deaths that include asphyxia, motor vehicle accidents, drowning, poisoning, overdoses, acute intoxication, and suicide. The

efforts will consist of education and collaboration to prevent future child fatalities in Nevada.

- MOTION: To approve the recommendation drafted by the Citizens Review Panel Subcommittee in April 2024.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTIONED CARRIED.

**14. Final Public Comment and Discussion:** (Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on the agenda for a later meeting)

There was no public comment.

**15. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM.