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## 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*

**May 10, 2023**

via Microsoft Teams

[Meeting Link](#)

Call-in number: 1 (775) 321-6111; Extension: 992268879#

#### **1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum**

Jessica Freeman called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

Subcommittee members present:

- Jessica Freeman, DCFS
- Paul Shubert, HCQC
- Vicki S. Ives, Bureau of Child Family and Community Wellness
- Kris Deeter, Renown Children's Hospital
- Dawn Davidson, NICRP
- Orjola Merkaj, NICRP

#### **2. Public Comment and Discussion**

No comments.

#### **3. For Possible Action: Approval of meeting minutes from November 3, 2022.**

Jessica Freeman requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 3rd. MOTION: Made by Vicki Ives, seconded by Kris Deeter, to approve the November 3, 2022 meeting minutes.

UNANIMOUS VOTE; MOTION CARRIED

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

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- Hospitals should adopt a consistent internal policy for the assessment of children when they present with suspicious or serious injuries.
  - Determine the next steps of the sub-committee
    - Discuss survey results and determine if additional follow-up is needed.
    - Determine if the sub-committee has additional work to complete and therefore continue to meet, or if the established goals have been met and therefore make the recommendation to conclude the sub-committee to the Executive Committee.

Jessica Freeman stated that this would be a two-pathway project. The educational tip sheets were created to get buy-in from various practitioners from hospitals across the state of Nevada. HCQC would go through the regulation process by making these screening recommendations policies, and protocols for hospitals. Jessica stated that with Dr. Horning's help, the committee created the tip sheets and distributed them at least twice through Paul's network and the committee's individual networks. The tip sheets were also presented in February at the Pediatric Grand Rounds in Reno, NV. The survey had two respondents. Jessica asked what else the committee could do to get more responses for the tip sheets. She mentioned that if the subcommittee feels like there is no other option or if they have additional ways to spread the tip sheet, then it will need to be presented to the Executive Committee.

Paul Shubert stated that in regards to the tip sheets and processes that have been developed, it was an enormous amount of work and information the team has put together. Processes are not developed into regulation, so they would have to be transitioned into some requirements. He mentioned that it would be difficult for that to happen and that he feels like that is not the direction the subcommittee should go in. Jessica Freeman agreed with Paul.

Jessica asked Dr. Deeter if she had seen the tip sheets used in her hospital and what feedback or thoughts she may have. Dr. Deeter stated that their major hospitals have internal policies regarding screening, reporting, and treatment when it comes to child abuse. She mentioned that the tip sheets can be given to the rural partners. Dr. Deeter stated that it can be difficult to regulate or demand new policies, but the committee can suggest the smaller hospitals create internal policies to screen and report child abuse. She stated that her team in the north is going out to see their rural partners starting May 18th in central Nevada. Part of this tour is getting feedback from these partners who have been using the tip sheets and how useful they are. She stated that if the Executive Committee has another subcommittee to consider regulating the tip sheets, then that is a different task. Jessica agreed with Dr. Deeter and will offer that suggestion to the Executive Committee to see if they want to send the tip sheets out again or if they think what they have right now is sufficient. Dr. Deeter mentioned that if this is something we want to keep relevant, it should be reviewed every three to five years and promoted everywhere. Vickie Ives asked if it would be beneficial for the tip sheets to be available to the schools of medicine or listed in a curriculum. Dr. Deeter stated that is a good idea to include it in a curriculum and have it available in the schools of medicine.

Jessica stated that she will ask the EC if they want to close the recommendation, if they want to regulate the tip sheets, or if they want to revisit this recommendation every 1-2 years. Dr. Deeter mentioned that it would be beneficial to recommend to the EC a statewide education program to train providers in child abuse assessment and screening. Jessica stated that it might just be a suggestion to the EC, and might not move further than that. Jessica stated that she will suggest it to the EC and let the subcommittee know what the EC decides to do and determine what the next steps will be.

## **5. Final Public Comment and Discussion**

No comments.

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 PM.