

Child Fatality Prevention Team Meeting

Call to Order – Christina Hopewell

- **Welcome Team/Introductions** – Thank you for joining us.
- **Equity Statement** - Acknowledgment of health disparities statement regarding inequities that exist.
- **Purpose of Meeting**
 - The purpose of this meeting is to bring together community members to review instances of child fatalities within Pueblo County and develop child fatality prevention recommendations.
- Members of the public are welcome until the Executive Session is convened. All information discussed in the Executive Session of today's meeting is confidential. No public was in attendance
- **Confidentiality Agreements**

A confidentiality statement is needed from everyone. Please sign a form for this meeting and turn it in to Dee if you did not send one earlier. The cases discussed here are confidential and the information remains here. When we discuss prevention methods, that does not need to remain confidential.
- **Moment of Silence**
 - A moment of silence will be observed to respect the memory of the individuals who have succumbed to child fatality after each review.

Action Item/Person Responsible: Turn in your Confidentiality Statements to Dee if you have not already submitted one.

Convene Into Executive Session – Executive Session Convened - 12:11 pm – Christina Hopewell

- The next item on the agenda is to discuss child fatality cases in the executive session for the purpose of developing child fatality prevention recommendations. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402 (4) (c). The purpose of this executive session is to discuss confidential information pertaining to child fatality obtained from the Department of Social Services, the Coroner, medical, investigations, and other confidential services. The topics being discussed are confidential in nature and are protected under Colorado Revised Statute 25-20.5-408 (2) (b).
- Motion to convene into executive session; the motion was seconded by Jenifer Bartell.
- This meeting is recorded, and the recording will be kept for 90 days per State regulation.
- The executive session started at 12:11 p.m.

Review of Cases – Christina Hopewell

- Narratives of Cases Reviewed

Executive Session Adjourned – 1:09 pm - Christina Hopewell

- The executive session is now closed. The public is invited to return; no public was in attendance.

Prevention Strategies Discussed

- **Marijuana Education**
 - Education on drugs and mental health in English and Spanish
 - The Pueblo Diversion Program needs to talk about and educate kids on the use of marijuana
 - District 60 has numerous education classes on drugs; a class on drug effects is available
- **Safe Sleep Education/Safer Sleep Education**
 - Dr. Bryant feels we need “**Safer**” **Sleep Education** instead of just **Safe Sleep Education**
 - Safe sleep education is too rigid and rule-following; more likely to follow if not so rigid
 - WIC doesn’t want to deter breastfeeding and likes to follow “safer” sleep education
 - Dr. Roberts could possibly do a podcast
 - We need to promote harm reduction
 - Get the information in pediatric doctors’ offices and make handouts
 - There are cultural barriers when it comes to sleep education
 - CSUP students had an education demonstration at the Community Baby Shower

Meeting Follow-Up

- Fudge Gonzales, Committee Co-chair will be retiring December 2, and a new RN will start November 5.
 - Next Meeting: Thursday, March 27, 2025, from 12-1:30 p.m. Conference Rooms A and B.
- **Has there been any progress on previously identified prevention strategies?**
 - A Transportation Workgroup has been created at PDPHE to prevent deaths
 - Each week will have a different focus or prevention strategy
 - Impacting teens in the driver’s seat
 - Post on social media during spring break
 - There is a state highway safety plan to reduce highway fatalities and serious injuries
 - Free syphilis testing and treatment is available for women of childbearing age in the PDPHE Clinic to prevent congenital syphilis

Attendees:

Christina Hopewell, Program Manager

PDPHE-Child Fatality Prevention Program Manager

Jenifer Bartell

UC Health

Michael Bayer

Pueblo School District 60

Sarah Bryant

Child Advocacy Center

Nicholas Lile

Pueblo Police Department

Kayana Casias

PDPHE-Community Health Services

Tara Chaparro

Pueblo Child Advocacy Center

Amy Colvin

Pueblo County Sheriff's Office

Sandra Garcia

PDPHE-Vital Statistics

Nanci Gonzalez

Suicide Prevention Coalition

Kristy Dalton

PDPHE-Public Health Nurse

Greg Hinkle

Bridges Child Placement Agency

Brad Roberts

PDPHE Medical Officer

Chanelle Stewart

Health Solutions-Suicide Prevention

Dee Speier

PDPHE-CHS

Chris Slobodnik

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Maria Telfer

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