

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.
 - These meetings are required by law. PDPHE has twelve months after the death to get the information into the data system. If the death is a SUID, the information must be put into the system within six months.
- If anyone is involved in a case, please feel free to step out for the review of that case.
- **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 - 12:15 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 was made; motion was seconded by Dr. Sarah Bryant.
- This meeting is recorded, and the recording will be kept for 90 days per State regulation.
- The executive session started at 12:13 p.m.

Members of the Public Must Leave

- 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

Review of Cases – Christina Hopewell

- Narratives of Cases Reviewed

Executive Session Adjourned – 1:44 pm - Christina Hopewell

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

Prevention Strategies Discussed

- Get Kids Involved in Community Organizations
- Gang Prevention is available through the Court
 - **HardKnox** – gang prevention and intervention, accepts referrals from court or DHS
- School support teams are great, but the schools can't do it all, Becky says we should look outside the school for outside resources
- Ted Johnson is the DHS coordinator for School District 60
- Sarah Martinez said a confidential text or call line should be available
- Access to early, high-quality preschool and education could help
- Provide childcare and free afterschool programs
- At the state level – founded cases are referred to EI (early intervention) – get extended for unfounded
- Need more drug treatment programs, drug screening
 - Moms are scared to get screened for drugs because they think their child will get taken away, but that is not the case
- Promote education for Domestic Partner Violence
- Syphilis or other STI testing is free at the Health Department; refer to us
- Birth control and LARC (long-acting reversible contraception) are also available in our clinic
- Sarah Martinez said Parkview has infant CPR training available for \$5

Meeting Follow-Up

- Are the reviews from today complete, or do we need to revisit them at the next meeting?
 - New Chairperson for the committee is Randi Mohar. Replaces Fudge Gonzales, who retired.
 - Next Meeting: Thursday, August 28, 2025, from 12-1:30 p.m., Conference Rooms A and B.
- From the cases today, are there any partners interested in and able to champion any of the identified prevention strategies between now and our next meeting?
- Should we form workgroups?
- **Training Opportunities**
 - First responder training on Engage, Calm, Distract (pediatric distress responses). Will be held June 12, 2025, from 8:30-10:30 AM, Register Here: <https://forms.office.com/g/5Aw5xH8YvJ>
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- **Has there been any progress on previously identified prevention strategies?**
 - **Gun Safety**
 - The Health Department continues to promote gun locks and gun safety
 - Lock the gun and the ammo separately
 - **Transportation-centered Prevention Strategy**
 - PDPHE has moved forward with creating a transportation subgroup – leaders Sarah Martinez and Ann Carlson
 - The media campaign is live and includes bilingual posts featuring information on safe speed, distracted driving, impaired driving, and using seatbelts. Please reshare the social media posts from PDPHE and SOCOYOGO.
 - The campaign was designed by teens, for teens.
 - **Safe Sleep**
 - PDPHE distributed bilingual safe sleep information to 200 attendees at the Community Resource Sharing Day event on February 28, 2025.

Action Items

- Send us information on any upcoming events that your agency is having.
- First responder training on Engage, Calm, Distract (pediatric distress responses). 6/12/2025 from 8:30-10:30AM.

Attendees:

Christina Hopewell, Program Manager
PDPHE-Child Fatality Prevention Program Manager

Randi Mohar, Team Co-chair
PDPHE-Child Fatality Prevention Team Co-Chair

Sarah Bryant
Child Advocacy Center

Kayana Casias
PDPHE-Health Promotion Specialist

Tara Chaparro
Pueblo Child Advocacy Center

Felicia Cogburn
Pueblo County Department of Human Services

Amy Colvin
Pueblo County Sheriff's Office

Sandra Garcia
PDPHE-Vital Statistics

Cecilia Gay
Suicide Prevention Coalition

Jana Burgess
UC Health

Rasilia Hunt
Pueblo Child Advocacy Center

Nicholas Lile
Pueblo County Police Department

Sarah Martinez
PDPHE-Health Promotion Specialist

Becky Medina
Boys and Girls Clubs of Pueblo County

Adler Mercado Martinez
PDPHE-CEPR

Dee Speier
PDPHE-CHS

Chanelle Stewart
Health Solutions-Suicide Prevention

Maria Telfer
PDPHE-Director CHS