

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CHILD DEATH REVIEW TEAM  
Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 2014

**PRESENT:** Belinda DeGoey (Winnebago County Health Dept); Teresa Paulus (Winnebago County Health Dept); Erin Roberts (Winnebago County Health Dept); Jenni Kunding (Fox Cities Victim Crisis Response); Wendy Schwalbe (Parent Connection); Mary Wiatrowski (Winnebago County Human Services); Vicki Schultz (Menasha Health Department); Adam Levin (Winnebago County DA office); and Natalie Gehringer (Childrens Hospital Fox Valley).

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 12:08 pm by Wendy Schwalbe.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Team members introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 28 2013 MINUTES:** Motion by Mary Wiatrowski to approve minutes. Second by Teresa Paulus. Motion carried with no opposition.

**MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION:** Motion by Adam Levin to move the meeting into closed session. Second by Erin Roberts. Motion carried with no opposition.

**MOTION TO RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:** Motion by Adam Levin to reconvene to open session. Second by Teresa Paulus. Motion carried with no opposition.

**WHY REVIEW MEDICAL DEATHS AND PREMATURE INFANT DEATHS:** Teresa reviewed the importance of reviewing medical and premature infant deaths despite the fact that there is limited opportunity for it to lead to preventative activities. It is important to recognize all child deaths and report the data to the national data base. The team or possibly the state or country may see trends by having the data in the national system. It may also lead to systems changes or changes to services available for families. These deaths may be difficult to get information on therefore generally take limited time to complete. The future plan is for a small group of interested members to get together and review all the premature infant deaths and enter the data so that the whole team does not need to be present.

**2013 STATISTICS:** Teresa reviewed the deaths from 2013. A report is included with these minutes for review. Belinda will contact the Register of Deeds to make sure we are still receiving all death certificates since we had half the child deaths in 2013 than in the previous years. Once all the data is input into the national database, we will be able to run reports. We can get injury data from the WISH system but that is a few years behind.

**ONGOING PREVENTION PROJECTS:** Teresa reviewed that the grief support project started by the student last semester was not fully completed. The student was able to research what is

available but did not have time to put the information together. This project will be offered to the next student who starts a rotation at the Health Department.

Parents are the Key: Parents are the Key partnered with Party at the PAC to present to the parents of teens who attended Party at the PAC. The presentation was a half hour and discussed parental responsibilities for teen driving habits. The parents received a tips for talking with teen handout written in the perspective of a teen. 44 parents attended the presentation and the evaluations were very positive. The program will be repeated next year and the hope is more parents will sign up to attend. Kathi Hegranes from Theda Clark is working on an ongoing program to supplement PARTY at the PAC in the school. A Safe Driving Coalition has been started to review this.

Teen Screen passed the Oshkosh School District and will be implemented next year. A Winnebago County Teen Screen Advisory Counsel has been developed.

Belinda reported that a Gun Lock program will be started at the WIC office to offer gun locks and information on gun safety to WIC participants. Marian University nursing students will be completing the project.

Natalie heard about an app from Safe Driving Association called Everyonetexts.com which blocks the phone from being used in a moving vehicle. She and other members are interested in looking into the specifics of the app.

Teresa reviewed the upcoming CDR legislation and encouraged team members to contact their legislators to support the bill. Teresa will e-mail the talking points and sample letter to members.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday February 24, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
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