

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CHILD DEATH REVIEW TEAM  
Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2016

**PRESENT:** Teresa Paulus (Winnebago County Health Dept); Erin Roberts (Winnebago County Health Dept); Belinda DeGoey (Winnebago County Health Department); Kimberly Maki (Winnebago County Coroner Office); Barry Busby (Winnebago County Coroner); Shelley Donner (Gold Cross Ambulance); Vicki Schultz (Menasha Health Dept); John Holland (Oshkosh City Fire Department); Michael Altekruise (Neenah School District); Jayne Tebon (Winnebago County Health Department); Chou Xiong (Winnebago County Human Services); Alli Wild (Winnebago County Human Services); and Kathi Hegranes (The Trauma Center at Thedacare Neenah).

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 12:15 pm by Teresa Paulus.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Team members introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 17 2015 MINUTES:** Motion by John Holland to approve minutes. Second by Barry Busby. Motion carried with no opposition.

**REVIEW OF CHILD DEATHS IN 2015:** Teresa and Erin reviewed the statistics of children who died in 2015. Winnebago County had 15 child deaths, 9 of those were in children less than one year of age including premature births. See attached chart for details. Teresa and Erin thanked Kim Maki for all of her help in gathering the data and getting the right people to the meetings.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Parents are the Key: Winnebago County Health Dept partnered with Thedacare and Winnebago County Sheriff Office to add a parent component to the successful PARTY at the PAC program for sophomore area students. PARTY recreates on stage a crash, pointing out all the consequences of a crash including all the disciplines involved. The program shows 4 times with 5000 students attending. The parent portion offers the parents of the attendees to come and learn about role modeling and contracting with their young driver.

Winnebago County Teen Safety Team: The team is a collaborative headed by the Winnebago County Sheriff Office. The team meets monthly. In 2015 did activities at Neenah High School including a driving simulator, catching young drivers being good, catching young drivers and staff being unsafe, and a representation of the length of time it takes to text while driving to point out its dangers. The team has a student component including students from Neenah, Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North. The students plan to start a team in their respective schools. One goal for 2016 is responsible use of social media.

Suicide Prevention Recommendations: the original recommendations were released in 2013 with most recommendations acted upon. The sub-committee reconvened in 2015 to update and review those recommendations. A draft was completed in December. The draft will be distributed to members to comment on. Then the sub-committee will come together to decide who to send the recommendations to.

Grief Guide: A sub-committee met in April to produce a guide for parents of children who died. The Guide was completed in November/December. The team consisted of Kim Maki, Barry Busby, Teresa Paulus, Center for Grieving Children, Grief Counselor from Affinity Health and Outagamie County Child Death Review Team member. The guide includes local resources for grief support. The coroner's office will take the lead on distributing the guide. The guide is available for anyone to use and distribute. Would like to see a future project of a grief guide for adults.

#### **FOLLOW UP FROM PREVIOUS REVIEWS:**

John Holland contacted the Otter Street Fishing Club to find out if there is interest in posting safety information on the landing where vehicles drive onto the ice during the winter ice fishing season. The Club loved the idea and will bring it up at their next Board meeting. The club would be willing to make and post the signs.

John Holland discovered that there is inconsistent use of rapid RSV and influenza screening at primary care offices. John will work with EMS to develop recommendations to encourage use of the available screenings.

Vicki Schultz had an e-mail conversation with Mindy Collado at Christine Ann Center to find out the activities that they do in relation to domestic abuse. Christine Ann Center has youth, children and teen advocates who do presentations to students in grades K-12 and community group presentations. They also do presentation geared toward adults in the community. She offered a presentation at one of our meetings. The team discussed the availability of information for students and adults but seems to be a gap with toddler/preschool age children. A suggestion was made to reach out to daycare centers and other places where young children are present. Kim Maki agreed to work on a recommendation to increase the awareness of child abuse by unrelated caregivers. The team also discussed the advantages of being trained in ACE's theory. Mike Altekruze will forward information to Teresa and would be willing to make the contacts to have an ACE's training for the team and others who are interested.

Belinda is planning to complete reviews of children who die due to premature birth at one meeting in 2016. Would like to gather those on the team who would be interested in reviewing those deaths and have access to the prenatal information needed to do so. Will do all the premature births at one meeting hopefully in June.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday February 16, 2016 at 12:15 at the Winnebago County Administration Building 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Belinda DeGoey RN, Winnebago County Health Department