

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CHILD DEATH REVIEW TEAM
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2018

PRESENT: Belinda DeGoey (Winnebago County Health Department); Susan Szabo (Affinity Medical Group Pediatrics); Kelly Hinz (Parent Connection, Family Services); Kathi Hegrans (Thedacare Regional Medical Center – Neenah); Teresa Paulus (Winnebago County Health Department); Crystal Ludwig (Samaritan Counseling); Jennifer Van Nuland (Ascension Hospice); Emily Lewis (Fox Cities Victim Crisis Response); Erin Roberts (Winnebago County Health Department); Karen Nash (Childrens Health Alliance of WI); Jeremy Bauman (Neenah Police Department); Nicole Malchow (Childrens Hospital of WI – Fox Valley); Kara Van Vooren (Northeast Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs); Rachel Juckem (Aurora Medical Center – Oshkosh); and Stephanie Flannigan (Winnebago County DA's Office) .

GUEST: Jennifer Lubinski (Waupaca County Department of Health and Human Services) and Tevin Thomas (Childrens Health Alliance).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 12:18 pm by Teresa Paulus.

INTRODUCTIONS: Team members introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 16 2018 MINUTES: Motion by Susan Szabo to approve minutes. Second by Karen Nash. Motion carried with no opposition.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Karen Nash to move the meeting into closed session. Second by Sue Szabo. Motion carried with no opposition.

MOTION TO RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: Motion by Susan Szabo to reconvene to open session. Second by Stephanie Flannigan. Motion carried with no opposition.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:

The Child Grief Guide is being updated. Teresa will send the newest version out in an email to the team. Please distribute widely. Guide will be available at the funeral homes and with law enforcement.

Jennifer Van Nuland and Ascension Homecare – Hospice has started a grief group for parents who have lost a child. The group meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Affinity Visiting Nurses office in Neenah. It is a collaboration with Thedacare Homecare. Grief counselors are available for both moms and dads.

<https://ascensionathome.com/ministry-home-care>

Karen Nash will facilitate getting the above grief support on the state wide grief support guide.

Karen Nash reviewed the availability of Childrens Health Alliance tri-annual newsletter “ Healing Hearts”. It features support for families through articles on grief and loss. There is a link to sign up for the newsletter on the website: <https://www.chawisconsin.org/grief/>

Kelly Hinz will review the policy that Parent Connection is able to follow families who have multiple children and not only first time parents with the hospital staff where they provide services. Rachel Juckem will also mention it at Aurora’s staff meeting.

Kathi Hegranes reviewed the Water Watcher Program sponsored by Safe Kids Fox Valley. The program will provide a tag for a responsible adult to agree to supervise children in the open water or pool.

https://www.safekids.org/sites/default/files/documents/skw_water_watcher_card.pdf

NEXT MEETING: No meeting in April due to the Keeping Kids Alive in Wisconsin 2018 Conference. The next meeting will be Tuesday May 15, 2018 at the Winnebago County Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

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