

## **South Dakota Preventable Death Review Committee Meeting June 11, 2019**

The South Dakota Preventable Death Review (SDPDR) Committee was called to order by Colleen Winter at 1:00pm (CST). The following members of the committee were in attendance: Kiley Hump, Amanda Nelson, Katelyn Strasser, Ashley Miller, Zac Cegelske, Dr. Kenneth Snell, Senator Wayne Steinhaer, Mariah Pokorny, Josh Clayton, Colleen Winter, Trent Nelson, Jill Munger, Linda Ahrendt, Dan Rafferty, Sarah Shewbrooks, Justin Williams, David Hill, Mark East and JoLynn Bostrom.

Committee members not in attendance were: Brian Zeeb, Dr. Donald Habbe, Erin Baumgart, Jennie Clabo, Joe Bosman, Mike Colwill, Nicole Kerkenbush, Representative Erin Healey, Virgena Wieseler and Mark Gildemaster.

### **Welcome**

Colleen Winter, Chair, welcomed the committee and members introduced themselves to the group. The minutes and PowerPoint from the previous meeting are available on the Department of Health website. The purpose of today's meeting is to standardize and influence how SD performs infant, child, maternal and violent death review.

The agenda included discussion around ad hoc committees to consider specific needs and processes for infant and child mortality, maternal mortality and violent death review. The purpose of these committees is to take a closer look at data collection and the review process and bring back to the larger group. Anyone interested in serving on one of these committees, please contact Kiley Hump or Colleen Winter.

### **Updates on the SD Violent Death Reporting System and Data Collection from Providers**

Amanda Nelson provided an overview on the data collection process and updated the group on the work with law enforcement in Minnehaha and Pennington Counties to date. A training has been provided to individuals from Sioux Falls Police Department who have been abstracting the data needed for the Violent Death Reporting System.

**Question: What does undetermined death mean?** The Medical Examiner or coroner can't identify specific cause of death. It may be from drugs or suicide, but there is not a definitive answer. An example could be a death that could have been drug related or suicide.

Dr. Kenneth Snell, Minnehaha Medical Examiner, gave an update on the status of data collection for Minnehaha county. Dr. Snell has identified a few issues with the data collection forms and has provided feedback to the DOH Office of Vital Records.

Trent Nelson, Pennington county coroner, provided an update. They have run into a few issues with getting toxicology reports back in a timely manner which has caused a slower turn around for providing information to the DOH Office of Vital Records.

Mike Colwell, Sioux Falls Police Department, was not able to attend the meeting, but an update was provided and things are going well from their perspective. The DOH is working on a data sharing agreement with the Sioux Falls Police Department and Minnehaha Sheriffs Department to grant coverage for releasing information to the DOH.

Kiley Hump updated the group on the statewide implementation plan and provided a follow up from the previous meeting. DOH working on resources for our data providers that will be available soon. Good reference documents for the county coroners and those abstracting data are needed for the violent death reporting system. The DOH is also working on an SD-VDRS specific website where resources and information will be available.

### **Access and Protection to Data**

Justin Williams, DOH Legal Counsel, provide the group with an overview of HIPAA and Confidentiality as it pertains to gaining access to and sharing of the data collected for the violent death reporting system. Justin discussed state and federal statues surrounding the group's ability to obtain, share and protect the information and data.

### **Is the CDC providing guidance on how to gain access to this information?**

Accessing data is dependent on individual state statues. CDC looks to the states to make those decisions.

Mr. Williams provided follow up from previous consideration about Marcy's Law regarding Victims having certain rights. Right to protect certain confidential information. Would Marcy's Law prohibit any of this? No, only prohibits public disclosure. Information and data gained from this group is remains confidential for the purpose of reporting and investigating violent deaths.

### **Death Certificate Data Sharing Process**

Mariah Pokorny provided an overview on how the DOH is gathering data and what is done to protect the confidential information.

### **Infant Mortality Review (East and West River)**

Linda Ahrendt shared the challenges the two committees collecting and reviewing infant mortality data in SD experience. There are plans to bring together both review committees to look at state wide infant mortality data.

### **Child Death Review**

JoLynn Bostrom presented an overview on the data collection challenges that DSS faces with child deaths in South Dakota due to child abuse and neglect. DSS only reports child death cases that have been reported to them. DSS relies on law enforcement and autopsies to substantiate child abuse and neglect

**Who are the reporting sources?** Citizens, law enforcement, anybody can report information to DSS. DSS has agreements with tribal entities for reporting child deaths.

### **Maternal Mortality Review**

Katelyn Strasser presented an overview of maternal mortality and the data sources the Department of Health currently has in place for data collection and the challenges we consider formal maternal mortality review committee.

Additional handout available.

### **Violent Death Reporting System**

Kiley Hump reported on the progress and challenges of the violent death reporting system and statewide data collection.

She is soliciting input on the data collection process moving forward for statewide implementation. She also requested feedback on data collection resources that are currently in development.

### **When will we have data available from what we have reported?**

We can pull our data at any time, but there are no official reports until cases are completely closed out. CDC just closed out 2017 data.

### **Next Steps**

Ad Hoc committees will meet over the summer to discuss data collection and review for infant/child mortality, maternal mortality and violent death and develop a plan for moving forward.

Ad Hoc committees will bring information back to the larger group that will meet later in the fall.

**The recommendations and challenges listed below were collected throughout the discussion and will be considerations for the ad hoc committees and SDPDR committee as work continues.**

### **Recommendations**

- Enhance mechanism for coroners to share data
- Develop Interagency agreement between state and coroners
- Enhance previous strategies

### **Challenges**

- Toxicology report turn around time
- Tribal data and the Privacy Act Law of 1974
- DSS not aware of deaths due to child neglect/maltreatment
- Increase focus on prevention
- Sharing data between review committees to minimize duplication of efforts.

Meeting adjourned.