Ad Hoc Committee on Infant/Child Death Review

• Met twice since the last meeting of this committee.
• Recommendations:
  – Review statewide deaths 0-12 years of age.
  – This would include infants that have left the hospital.
  – Data shows this age group to have on average 60 deaths a year.
  – Each team will meet three times a year.
• There will be two death review committees
  – East and West River.
Ad Hoc Committee on Infant/Child Death Review

Next steps:

- Work with the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention to assist with planning including:
  - Committee make up
  - Training of identified abstractors
  - Training for review team members
  - Memorandum of agreements in place as necessary

- Hope to pilot child death review with new review teams later in 2020
Maternal Mortality Updates

• Ad hoc committee meetings
  • Julie Zaharatos from CDC MMRIA presented at September meeting

• Abstractor
  • Taylor Pfeifle-DOH Women’s Health Nurse Consultant

• MMRIA training
  • 3 DOH staff attending in December

• Maternal mortality data on DOH website
Maternal Mortality Next Steps

• Committee structure and membership

• Data sharing
  • MOUs with each facility, how will data be abstracted
  • Records from clinics, law enforcement, out-of-state

• 2018 data

• First MMRC review in early 2020
• South Dakota Department of Health received funding from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in 2018
  • 4-year project period (9/2018-8/2022)
  • Data collection started January 1st, 2019
    • Pilot year (Minnehaha and Pennington County)
    • Statewide data collection starting January 1st, 2020
• What SD-VDRS Can Do:
  • Provide our state and communities with a clearer understanding of violent deaths
  • Guide state and local prevention efforts
National Violent Death Reporting System

- Over **600 variables**
- Data about **victim, suspect, incident, weapon, toxicology**
- Comprehensive depiction of the **who, what, where, when, and how** to gain insight as to **why** the death occurred

![Death Certificates](image1)
![Coroner/Medical Examiner Reports](image2)
![Law Enforcement Reports](image3)
SD-VDRS Data Collection Process

Coroners file death certificate (DC) with Office of Vital Records (OVR)

OVR queries DC data for violent death cases

OVR notifies Data Abstractor and Coroner of cases

Data Abstractor tracks cases and reaches out to Law Enforcement (LE)

Coroners provide supplemental information about the death and sends it to the OVR

LE provides case reports/data to the Data Abstractor

OVR sends the supplemental Coroner reports to the Data Abstractor

Data Abstractor abstracts DC, Coroner, and LE reports/data

NVDRS Web-Based System
SD-VDRS Data: See Handout

• From January 2019 to September 2019:
  • 38 Violent Death Cases (death certificates filed)
    • Minnehaha=23; Pennington=15
    • 31 Suicide, 6 Homicide, & 1 Undetermined
  • 24 Cases Completed (all 3 data sources received & abstracted)
    • 19 of the 24 completed cases were Suicide
      • 63% Male, 37% Female
      • 89% White, 10% Other (American Indian, Black)
      • 32% aged 50-59, 26% aged 20-29; Average age 43.6
      • 63% were reported as having a current mental health diagnosis
        • Diagnoses include: depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, and PTSD
      • 79% were reported as having a current depressed mood
      • 53% were reported as having been treated (currently or at some point in their life) for a mental health/substance abuse problem
      • 37% had a life stressor reported
        • Life stressors include: physical health problem, financial problem, job problem, eviction/loss of home, non-suicide death of friend or family

Source: SD-VDRS
Next Steps: Going Statewide

• Data Provider Resources
  • SD-VDRS one-pager – available on website
  • Pocket Guide – available on website
  • Coroner Clipboard – Coming Soon!
  • Website - [https://doh.sd.gov/statistics/sd-vdrs/](https://doh.sd.gov/statistics/sd-vdrs/)

• Data Provider Training and Education
  • Presentations: annual Coroner meeting and South Dakota Sheriff’s Association meeting
  • Share information in list servs and newsletters
  • Ad hoc committee (first call on November 18)
  • Reach out to counties with higher number of violent deaths
Other Related Projects

• Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) - South Dakota Department of Health received funding from CDC September 1st, 2019
  • Focus of funding: enhance state surveillance and prevention efforts around drug overdoses
  • SUDORS (Strategy 2)

• Alcohol-Related Deaths in South Dakota Report
  • Located on the DOH Injury Surveillance and Prevention website (https://doh.sd.gov/statistics/InjurySurveillance.aspx?)

• Injuries in South Dakota Report
  • Coming soon to the DOH Injury Surveillance and Prevention website

• SD Suicide Prevention Plan
  • Multiple state agency effort
Thank You!

Questions?