



HAYWOOD COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST

*Must be presented to the County Manager's Office
NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. FRIDAY THE WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING*

DATE OF REQUEST: 11/28/11

FROM: Carmine Rocco, Health Director

MEETING DATE REQUESTED: December 5, 2011

Regular meetings: *First (1st) Monday of the month at 9:00 am
Third (3rd) Monday of the month at 5:30 pm*

SUBJECT: **CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION TEAM REPORT (CFPT)**

REQUEST: Present Annual CFPT Report to the Board of County Commissioners
(What action are you seeking?)

BACKGROUND:

(Research and justification of proposal and need; Alternatives evaluated; Legal Basis: Outcome-What will be achieved and how will it be measured?)

As per NC GS § 7B-1406.(b) Child Fatality Prevention Teams shall report to the County Commissioners annually.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

(How and when will staff undertake the action?)

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

(What is the cost? Where is the money coming from? Optional or mandated?)

NA

SUPPORTING ATTACHMENTS: YES NO HOW MANY? 1
LIST: CFPT Annual Report

If yes, one ORIGINAL ATTACHMENT, and 14 copies, copied front and back side of pages, stapled and three-hole punched must accompany the agenda request

PowerPoint Presentation: YES NO

PERSON MAKING PRESENTATION AT MEETING: Lisa Davis, RN

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County Manager / Clerk to the Board Comments: _____

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HAYWOOD COUNTY CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT 2010
November 2, 2011

Background: Why We Do What We Do

- In Article 14 of North Carolina's General Statute 7B, the General Assembly finds it the public policy to prevent the abuse, neglect, and death of juveniles.
- Child fatality prevention is designated as a community responsibility.
- Multidisciplinary reviews of the abuse, neglect, and death of children can lead to a greater understanding of the causes and methods of *preventing* these deaths.
- The General Assembly mandated the establishment of a statewide multidisciplinary, multi-agency child fatality prevention system that consists of the State Team (G.S. 7B-1404) and Local Teams (G.S. 7B-1406).
- In 1995, the Haywood County Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT) was established.

Present: What We Do

- As directed by G.S 7B-1400, the Child Fatality Prevention Team assesses the record of all deaths of Haywood County's children, aged birth to 18 years, in order to (1) develop a community-wide approach to the problem of child abuse and neglect, (2) understand the causes of childhood deaths, (3) identify any gaps or deficiencies that may exist in the delivery of services to children and their families by public agencies that are designed to prevent future child abuse, neglect, or death, and (4) make and implement recommendations for changes to laws, rules, and policies that will support the safe and healthy development of our children and prevent future child abuse, neglect, and death (NC G.S. 7B-1400). (The review process includes a delay of approximately one year after the date of death before review in order to secure necessary and complete information.)

Review Information

- In 2010, CFPT met 3 times and reviewed the deaths of 5 children who died in 2009.
 - 2 adolescents died as a result of injuries sustained in motor vehicle accidents.
 - 1 child died as a result of illness.
 - 1 infant died as a result of illness.
 - 1 infant died as a result of birth defect.

All findings identified and recommendations made by the Team were submitted to the N.C. State Child Fatality Prevention Team Coordinator. In general, findings and recommendations addressed perinatal care and safe driving practices and education initiatives.

Perspective: Helpful Statistics

- In 2008, a total of 6 Haywood County resident children died. 3 were infants.
- In 2009, a total of 5 Haywood County resident children died. 2 were infants.
- In 2009, the Haywood County Infant Death Rate (per 1,000 live births) was 3.4. (Total births: 586)¹
- In 2009, the North Carolina Infant Death Rate (per 1,000 live births) was 7.9 (Total births: 126,785)¹

Legislative Accomplishments

- CFPT is committed to supporting, promoting, and providing educational activities and recommending changes to laws, rules and policies that will reduce child fatalities. A few of the legislative accomplishments by the North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force in *Our Children Our Future Our Responsibility*² are listed here verbatim:

1997: Graduated Drivers License mandated. This measure gives teenagers more experience---and a greater chance of survival---as a result of a three-step process for obtaining a drivers license. Among other features, the measure limits the hours that new drivers may drive during those especially vulnerable months between age 16 and 16 ½.

1998: Smoke detector penalty set. This law sets a \$250 penalty for landlords who fail to install smoke detectors in rental units and a \$100 penalty for tenants who destroy or disable smoke detectors after they have been installed.

2001: Child Bicycle Safety Act passed. House Bill 63 established that bicycle riders age 15 and younger must wear an approved helmet when riding on public road and rights-of-way.

2002: Key programs continued. During a time of intensive budget cuts, the Intensive Home Visiting program, the Healthy Choice Foundation, the folic acid campaign, and the birth defects monitoring program all received continued funding.

2006: Unlawful Use of a Mobile Phone Law (Senate Bill 1289) ratified. The law established that children under the age of 18 cannot operate a motor vehicle while using a mobile phone or any technology associated with mobile phones. Exceptions were created for teens talking with their parents, spouses or emergency personnel.

2008: Change Format of Drivers Licenses/Under 21 (House Bill 2487) ratified. An act to change the format of a drivers license or special identification card being issued to a person less than twenty-one years of age from a horizontal format to a vertical format to make recognition of underage persons easier for clerks dealing in restricted age sales of products such as alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

2009: Funding to reduce infant deaths provided. \$150,000 in non-recurring funds appropriated to continue funding for a statewide public awareness campaign to promote safe sleep and reduce infant deaths due to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and accidental suffocation/strangulation.

Haywood County Child Fatality Prevention Team Membership

In accordance with NC G.S. 7B-1407, Haywood County's Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT) currently consists of the following members:

- Carmine Rocco, Health Director, Haywood County Health Department
- Ira Dove, Director, Haywood County Department of Social Services
- Donna Lupton, Program Manager, Haywood County Department of Social Services
- Chief Bryan Whitner; Canton Police Department (appointed by the Haywood County Board of Commissioners)
- Rachael Groffsky, Assistant District Attorney (appointed by Mike Bonfoey, District Attorney)
- Fred Trantham, Haywood County Schools (designee of Dr. Anne Garrett, Superintendent)
- Nancy Fish, Co-Chair, Board of Haywood County Department of Social Services (appointed by the Chair of DSS Board)
- Rhonda Cox, Care Coordination Director, Smoky Mountain Center for MH/DD/SAS (appointed by the director of the Smoky Mountain Center for MH/DD/SAS)
- Marsha Dunlap, Program Supervisor, Guardian Ad Litem
- Dr. Karin McLelland, Pediatrician (appointed by the Haywood County Board of Health)
- Guy Angel, Parent of a child who died before reaching the age of 18 years (appointed by the Haywood County Board of Commissioners)
- Joey Webb, Sr., Chief, Waynesville Fire Department (appointed by the Haywood County Board of Commissioners)
- Monica Leslie, (designee by Danny Davis, Chief District Court Judge, 30th Judicial District)
- Garry Wooten, CME, County Medical Examiner's Office (appointed by Luis Munoz, MD, Chief Medical Examiner)
- Holly Crawford, Head Start (appointed by Tony Beaman, Director, Haywood County Department of Social Services)
- Christy Yazan, LCSW, Team Leader; Children's Developmental Services Agency (appointed by the Haywood County Board of Commissioners)
- Additional member; *vacant*; KARE representative (appointed by the Haywood County Board of Commissioners).
- Lisa Davis, RN, BSN; Chair, CFPT; Public Health Nursing Supervisor, Haywood County Health Department (appointed by the Haywood County Board of Commissioners).

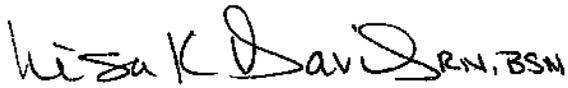
Additional information about the NC State Child Fatality Team may be accessed from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner at <http://www.ocme.unc.edu/nccfpp/>

References:

¹ 2009 North Carolina Infant Mortality Report, Table 1: North Carolina 2009 Final Infant Death Rates (per 1, 000 live births)

² *Our Children Our Future Our Responsibility*; Annual report of the North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force to the Governor and General Assembly; Raleigh, North Carolina; May 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Lisa K. Davis, RN, BSN. The signature is written in black ink and includes the initials "RN, BSN" at the end.

Lisa K. Davis, RN, BSN
Chair, Haywood County CFPT
Child Health Nursing Supervisor
Haywood County Health Department