



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: **June 27, 2016**

FROM: **Lisa Davis, HHSA Director of Nursing**

MEETING DATE REQUESTED: **July 18, 2016, 5:30 PM**

*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**

REQUEST: Administrative/Agency Reports

Informational presentation of Child Fatality Prevention Team Report

BACKGROUND:

Summary of Child Fatality Prevention Team reviews, recommendations, and actions.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

(How and when will staff undertake the action?)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

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

None

SUPPORTING ATTACHMENTS: YES NO HOW MANY? 1 pdf

LIST: HCHHSA Board Bylaws and Operating Procedures (with visible edits for easy tracking)

PowerPoint Presentation: YES NO

PERSON MAKING PRESENTATION AT MEETING:

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**HAYWOOD COUNTY CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION TEAM
REPORT
June 21, 2016**

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Director of Nursing
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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

- The Child Fatality Prevention Team meets 4 times per year.
- **2013: 6 deaths** **Causes: 2:undetermined**
 - 1: suicide
 - 1: motor vehicle accident
 - 1: medical condition
 - 1: extreme prematurity at birth
- **2014: 4 deaths** **Causes: 1: congenital birth defect**
 - 2: medical condition
 - 1: extreme prematurity at birth
- **2015: 8 deaths** **Causes: 3: undetermined**
 - 1: motor vehicle accident
 - 4: extreme prematurity at birth

and families by providing them with a “Grief Package” which they will receive from whichever funeral home they decide to use during their time of tragedy. We believe that by doing these things, we will be able to offer better outcomes for babies in our community.

<https://www.micahraelynnfoundationinc.org/>

- ❖ **Funding through the Women’s Health Branch, NC DHHS, for Improving Community Outcomes for Maternal and Child Health:** non-recurring funding is providing 100 Pack ‘n Plays and the packet contents for the “Welcome Baby” and “Grief Package” bags/boxes described above for the Micah Raelynn Foundation.

- ❖ An article *Population Health: A matter of life and death in Haywood* written by Patrick Johnson, Public Health Services Division Director, was published in The Mountaineer, February 26, 2016. Among other population health topics addressed, the article also included infant sleep safety and SIDS risk-reduction guidelines set forth by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

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:

- Stoney Blevins, Director, Haywood County Health and Human Services Agency
- Patrick Johnson, Public Health Services Division Director, Haywood County Health and Human Services Agency
- Donna Lupton, Social Services Division Director, Haywood County Health and Human Services Agency
- Chief Bryan Whitner; Canton Police Department (appointed by the Haywood County Board of Commissioners)
- Reid Taylor, Assistant District Attorney (appointed by Ashley Welch, District Attorney)
- Aleasa Glance, Haywood County Schools (designee of Dr. Anne Garrett, Superintendent)
- Rhonda Cox, Care Coordination Director, Smoky Mountain Center (appointed by the director of the Smoky Mountain Center); designee: Dianne Conger, Case Coordinator
- Brad Renegar, Program Supervisor, Guardian Ad Litem
- Dr. Karin McLelland, Pediatrician (appointed by the former Haywood County Board of Health)
- Alice Ensley, 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 of Chief District Court Judge, 30th Judicial District)
- Garry Wooten, CME, Haywood County Medical Examiner's Office
- Holly Crawford, Head Start (appointed by Tony Beaman, former 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)
- Julie Schroer, Executive Director, Kids Advocacy Resource Effort (KARE) (appointed by the Haywood County Board of Commissioners).
- Tony Beaman, Member, Haywood County Health and Human Services Agency Board (appointed by the HC HHS Board)
- Lisa Davis, RN, BSN; Chair, CFPT; Director of Nursing, Haywood County Health and Human Services Agency (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/>