

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CHILD DEATH REVIEW TEAM
Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2011

PRESENT: Belinda DeGoey (Winnebago County Health Dept); Teresa Paulus (Winnebago County Health Dept); Mary Jo Turner (Winnebago County Health Dept); Jennifer Yates (Childrens Hospital Fox Valley – Child Advocacy Center); Erin Roberts (Neenah Health Department); Jayne Tebon (Oshkosh Health Department); Mary Wiatrowski (Winnebago County Department of Human Services); Karen Nash (Childrens Health Alliance Wisconsin); Wendy Schwalbe (Family Services – Parent Connections); Douglas Bisbee (Community for Hope); Natalie Gehringer (Childrens Hospital-Fox Valley); Kathleen Endres (Menasha Health Dept); Barry Busby (Winnebago County Coroner Office); and Steven Verwiell (Winnebago County Sheriff Office).

GUEST: Abby Collier (Childrens Health Alliance Wisconsin) and David Johnson (Oshkosh Police Department).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 12:10 pm by Teresa Paulus.

INTRODUCTIONS: Team members introduced themselves and welcomed guest members.

APPROVAL OF MAY 23, 2011 MINUTES: Motion by Barry Busby to approve minutes. Seconded by Steve Verwiell. Motion carried with no opposition.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Wendy Schwalbe to move the meeting into closed session. Second by Mary Jo Turner. Motion carried with no opposition.

MOTION TO RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: Motion by Mary Wiatrowski to reconvene to open session. Second by Jennifer Yates. Motion carried with no opposition.

REPORT ON LGBTQ RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY FROM TEAM MEMBERS: As a follow-up to last months presentation on LGBTQ, Jayne Tebon reviewed and disseminated brochures of the resources available for LGBTQ youth at UW-Oshkosh

SUICIDE DISCUSSION: A discussion concerning making recommendations on prevention of suicide followed. Winnebago Co. has had 4 child suicides in the last year and a half –males, ages 15-16. Teresa presented the Outagamie County Child Death Review Team recommendations for the team to review. Outagamie County included LGBTQ issues in their recommendation. A suggestion was made for a sub-committee to form to make Winnebago County CDRT recommendations on suicide prevention. Suggestion made to address LGBTQ with these recommendations. Belinda will send out an e-mail requesting interested team members to volunteer for the sub-committee.

Dr Gehringer noted that in a majority of the cases she sees of suicide attempts, ending a relationship with a significant other is the reason cited as to why the attempt was made.

Wendy Schwalbe cited that 66% of children at some point in their lives will live in a single parent household. Therefore the question needs to be asked if children know what a stable relationship is and do not have the tools to deal with relationship issues.

Discussion also occurred regarding issue of grief resources for families. The Infant Death Center does follow up with the families who have experienced the death of an infant, but there is not this service for families who have lost an older child. The hospital may provide grief resources for these families. However, there may be no one to follow up with families when their child does not die in the hospital. Barry Busby did state the Coroner does provide information to families-does address suicide. With our CDRT, it has been evident that some funeral homes in Winn. Co. seems to lack adequate grief/suicide resources. Suggestion made that this is an issue for the CDRT to further explore-no action taken at this time.

CDRT SUMMIT: Abby Collier mentioned that the Annual CDRT Summit will be held on November 4, 2011 at Liberty Hall in Kimberly. Remember to save the date-information will be e-mailed to the team when it becomes available.

NEXT MEETING: Monday July 25 at 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm at the Sheriff Department Community Room.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
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