

**Iowa CDRT Meeting Notes**  
**December 13, 2023, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
**Iowa Laboratories Conference Center (IOSME)**  
**2204 Lab Facility, DMACC Campus**  
**Ankeny, IA**  
**Conference Call # 1-515-725-1656**

**Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at \_\_10:04 am\_\_\_\_ by Analisa Pearson.

**Members Present**

- **Andrew Allen-YSS**
- **Kim Gonzales – IHHS; Healthy Child Care Iowa Program**
- **Melissa Ellis – IHHS; Bureau of Health Statistics**
- **Peter Johnson - Iowa Association of County Attorney's**
- **Dennis Kline – Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner**
- **Robert Kruse – IHHS – State Medical Director for Public Health**
- **Analisa Pearson – IHHS; CRDT Coordinator**
- **Roxanne Reisberg – IHHS; Child Protective Services**
- **Dawn Schissel (via telephone) – Iowa Academy of Family Physicians**
- **Jonathan Thompson – Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner**
- **Marvin Vanderwiel – Iowa Emergency Nurses Association**
- **Mike Venema – Iowa of Police Chiefs Association**
- **Staff**
  - **Jennifer Caskey – IHHS; IOSME & Bureau of Health Statistics**

**Welcome, Introductions and Announcements**

- Around the room introductions of new and current CDRT Members were shared
- Staffing changes
  - Analisa Pearson has begun as a .5 FTE position to coordinate and move forward the work of the CDRT
  - The IOSME will soon be moving from Google to Microsoft platforms. This should assist with file and document sharing, etc.
  - Analisa plans to try to bring in additional information and documents to help provide a more comprehensive picture (HHS system records, Medicaid, etc.) of the cases reviewed.
  - Future meetings may include guest speakers.
- Move February Meeting to last week of March (March 26-April 1)
  - March 28th

**Follow Up from Prior Meeting**

- CBD In Schools
  - Melissa W. reached out to national peers to find out what other school nurses are doing about CBD in schools ([link to responses from other states](#)).

- **Iowa Breastfeeding Strategic Plan (2023-2026)**  
<https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/idphfiles/Breastfeeding-Strategic-Plan-Iowa-HHS-10-2022.pdf>

### Process Questions

- Infant Death Coding and Standardization Guidance Updates
  - Sleep related deaths have been discussed greatly at all levels. A meeting has been scheduled for mid-December to discuss using standard language and coding across the state.
- 2019 Cases Annual Report Updates
  - The 2019 data has been reviewed and the report passed through the formatting and review process. The report should be released to the public in early 2024.
- Iowa Child Death Prevention Efforts – New or pertinent efforts, legislation, partnerships
  - Boards and Commissions are likely to be discussed during the 2024 Legislative Session. Although the outcomes are unknown, the work done by this group has great value and is likely to continue in some capacity.

### Closed Session

A motion was made by Reisberg, seconded by Johnson to move into closed session. Unanimous decision to move to closed session to review and analyze child death data, including death certificates, patient records and other pertinent and other information appropriate for use in preparing an annual report to the governor and general assembly concerning the causes and manner of child deaths as outlined in IC §135.43.2.a. and provided for by IC §21.5.1.a

A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Vanderwiel to move into open session.

### Open Session

#### Wrap up & Task assignments

- Analisa would like to see more diversity within the group. If anyone has any suggestions please share them with her.
- Consider onboarding/orientation for new members.

### Meeting Adjourned

The meeting officially adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

### Future Meetings

- Tuesday, Feb. 27\*, Topic: Homicide and Suicide (35 cases)
  - Per discussion at the 12/13/23 this meeting will be rescheduled tentatively for **March 28th 2024**.
- Wednesday, June 12, Topic: Accidental Deaths and Fire (22 cases)
- Thursday, Sept. 12, Topic: Sleep-Related and SIDS/SUIDS (26 cases)
- Wednesday, Dec. 4, Topic: MVA and Undetermined (46 cases)