

Iowa CDRT Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2024 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Iowa Laboratories Conference Center (IOSME)
2204 Lab Facility, DMACC Campus
Ankeny, IA
Open Session Virtual Meeting:
<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1600242186>

Call Meeting to Order

- The meeting was officially called to order at 10:06 by Analisa Pearson

Attendance

- Amy McCormick - Vera French
- Analisa Pearson - DHHS
- Jen Caskey - Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner/Bureau of Health Statistics
- Kimberly Gonzales - Healthy Child Care Iowa
- Dawn Schissel - Iowa Academy of Family Physicians
- Marvin VanderWiel - Iowa Emergency Nurses Assoc.
- Lori Frick - Child Protective Services, DHHS
- Dennis Klein - Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner
- Jonathan Thompson - Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner
- Mike Venma - Iowa Police Chief's Association
- Andrew Allen - YSS
- Roxanne Riesberg - Child Protective Services, DHHS
- Robert Kruse (electronic)- Director, Division of Public Health & State Medical Director
- Amy Groen (electronic) – Iowa Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics
- Melissa Walker (electronic) - Iowa Dept of Education
- Abby Schuler (electronic) - U of I Prevention Research Center
- Peter Johnson (electronic) at 12:00 p.m. – Fremont County Attorney

Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

- Analisa welcomed the group, starting around the table introductions.
- Member/Agency announcements
 - Mike Venma will be retiring, this is his last meeting
 - Andrew Allen shared YSS is setting up a 70-bed youth treatment center to be opening later this fall.

Agenda Items

- **Approval of Minutes**
 - A motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2023 CDRT Meeting was made by Dawn Schissel, second by Andrew Allen. Amy McCormick Abstained. Motion Carried
- **Infant Death Coding and Standardization Guidance Updates**

- Dr. Klein spoke to group regarding conversations related to creating standardized language to be used when coding/reporting sleep-related deaths on death certificates.
- **2023 CDRT Annual Report (2019 cases):**
 - Analisa shared that the 2023 report has been released and the thought processes for formatting and reporting in the 2024 Report.
- **Member organization updates and efforts in child death prevention – New or pertinent efforts, legislation, partnerships, etc.**
 - Andrew Allen shared that his organization is doing Narcan training for parents and family and when participants are sent home on visits, Narcan is being dispensed with them.
 - Mike Venema shared that Polk Co. and other local law enforcement departments have public programs distributing free gunlocks. A question was asked if they could be distributed at the time of purchase? It was shared that some manufacturers and sales do provide locks with purchase.

Public Comment

- There were no members of the public present.

Closed Session

- A motion to move into closed session was made by Mike Venema, second by Jonathan Thompson.
 - Amy McCormick - Aye
 - Kimberly Gonzales - Aye
 - Dawn Schissel - Aye
 - Marvin VanderWiel - Aye
 - Lori Frick - Aye
 - Dennis Klein - Aye
 - Jonathan Thompson - Aye
 - Mike Venema - Aye
 - Andrew Allen - Aye
 - Roxanne Riesberg - Aye
 - Robert Kruse (electronic)- Aye
 - Amy Groen (electronic) - Aye
 - Melissa Walker (electronic) - Aye
 - Motion Carried.
- Case Reviews
- Prevention Recommendations Discussion

Open Session

- **A motion was made by Marvin VanderWiel, second by Dawn Schissel to move back into open session. Motion Carried**
- **A motion was made by Marvin VanderWheil, seconded by Andrew Allen, to adjourn. Motion Carried.**



- **The meeting officially adjourned at 2:09**

Future Meetings

- Wednesday, June 12, Topic: Accidental Deaths and Fire
- Thursday, Sept. 12, Topic: Sleep-Related and SIDS/SUIDS
- Wednesday, Dec. 4, Topic: MVA and Undetermined