

## Child Death Review Subcommittee

### Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
		X	Dennis Klein
	Ryan Baldrige – did not attend	X	Tammie Krausman
X	Emily Blomme		Casey Manser – excused
X	John Dagle	X	Amy McCormick
X	Lisa DuFour	X	Matthew Burns
X	Melissa Ellis	X	Vera Wallican
X	Jerry Fiala		Dawn Schissel – excused
X	Lori Frick	X	Abby Schueller
X	Kim Gonzales	X	Jonathan Thompson
X	Amy Groen	X	Marvin Van Der Wiel
X	Chad Jensen	X	Melissa Walker
X	Peter Johnson	X	Kelly Wandishion
X	Dennis Kleen		
Staff and Guests			
X	Analisa Pearson, CDR Coordinator	X	Madison (Guest)
X	Kaitie Smith, CDR Abstractor	X	Jennifer Pham
x	Sylvia Navin, MRH Manager		

**1. Call to Order**

Dr. Klein called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. as Chair Van Der Wiel had technical issues.

**2. Roll Call**

Chair conducted a roll call as indicated above; a quorum was present.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Chair Van Der Wiel moved to approve the December 9, 2025 and February 16, 2026, minutes, seconded by Thompson. Motion carried by voice vote.

**4. Child Death Review Subcommittee Member Updates**

Emily Blomme gave an update regarding mobile crisis across the State of Iowa. Making sure that all Iowans have access to the same type of response.

5. **Public Comment** No members of the public wished to comment.
6. **Recommendation Discussion Members discussed and recommended the following recommendations be moved to the State Mortality Review Committee: Suicide Fatality Recommendations 2/2026**
  - a. Provide Lethal Means Counseling to youth and families of individuals at risk for self-harm (eg, individuals with suicidal ideation, history of intimate partner violence in the household, individuals with history of violent acts or substance use disorders) in primary care, mental health, emergency departments and other health care settings. Including supervision recommendations when there is past suicide comments or attempts, such as keeping doors open, not leaving child home alone and monitoring items in rooms.
  - b. Provide routine anticipatory guidance regarding safer firearm storage, including removal of firearms from the home, guns being locked in a gun safe with ammunition locked and stored separately, biometric and other technology gun storage.
  - c. Work with NRA and firearm sellers to educate and collaborate on safe gun storage, signs of someone who might be suicidal, resources available, etc.
  - d. Increase youth knowledge about 988/Your Life Iowa in schools.
  - e. Increase the age of Iowa's child access prevention law from 14 to 18 years of age. The current Iowa law is the least restrictive in the country.
  - f. Encourage schools to notifying parents immediately about concerns at school. Centralize documentation for school staff access.
  - g. Have all school nurses and other school staff be trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid.
  - h. Require a training for coaches prior to becoming a coach in a school on suicidal awareness and mental health.
  - i. Build in written parental consent when registering for school that allows mobile crisis intervention.
  - j. Provide better communication from CPS to foster/adoptive parents, medical professionals, and schools on children coming into their care about the child's history and current mental health concerns.
  - k. Include education on signs of suicide, resources for help, how to assist another student in extra curriculums where guns are involved.
  - l. Recommend a standardization for resources when it comes to mental health at well visits with providers.

**7. Closed Session**

The committee voted to enter closed session to review and analyze confidential death data, including death certificates, patient records, and other confidential records and information deemed appropriate for use in preparing an annual report to the governor and general assembly concerning the causes and manner of deaths as outlined in Iowa Code §§ 135.43 and 135.111, and protected by Iowa Code § 21.5.

Van Der Wiel moved to enter closed session under the legal authorities outlined above, seconded by Thompson.

**Roll Call Vote**

Blomme, Dagle, DuFour, Ellis, Fiala, Frick, Gonzales, Jensen, Johnson, Kleen, Klein, Krausman, McCormick, Burns, Wallican, Schueller, Thompson, Van Der Wiel, Walker, Wandishion

Members logged into closed session at 10:16 a.m. and discussed aggregate data, case discussions, and prevention recommendations based upon current cases.

Members re-entered open session at 01:31 p.m.

**8. Adjournment**

Thompson moved to adjourn, seconded by Frick. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 01:40 p.m.