

Child Death Review Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
		X	Dennis Klein
	Ryan Baldrige – Did not attend	X	Tammie Krausman
X	Emily Blomme	X	Michael Line
	John Dagle – Excused	X	Casey Manser
X	Lisa DuFour	X	Amy McCormick
	Melissa Ellis – Excused		Matthew Burns - Excused
X	Jerry Fiala	X	Vera Wallican
X	Lori Frick	X	Dawn Schissel
	Kim Gonzales – Excused		Abby Schueller – Excused
	Amy Groen - Excused	X	Jonathan Thompson
	Chad Jensen – did not attend	X	Marvin Vanderwiel
X	Korie Talkington	X	Melissa Walker
X	Dennis Kleen	X	Kelly Wandishion
Staff and Guests			
x	Analisa Pearson, CDR Coordinator	X	Sylvia Navin
x	Kaitie Smith, CDR Abstractor	X	Chaney Yeast, Blank Children’s Hospital
x	Jennifer Pham	X	Amira Hassanin, Pediatric Resident Blank

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Van Der Wiel called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

2. Roll Call

Chair conducted a roll call as indicated above.

3. Approval of Minutes

Van Der Wiel moved to approve the April 2026, minutes, seconded by Thompson.
Motion carried by voice vote.

4. Discussed Priority CDR recommendations

Members discussed prioritized recommendations, no changes were made at this time.

5. Member Organization Update

Emily Bloome – Increase in federal funding for the LGBTQIA+ 988 phoneline and suicide prevention.

Lori Frick- Award Accepted for CPS on their innovative work for designing a process to help with CPS casework flow.

Casey Manser – There are new resources for Safe Sleep including information on room sharing vs. bed sharing. Along with information on how to make a plan for safe sleep for infants.

Melissa Walker – Department of Education for the State of Iowa was able to get funding to be able to provide Youth Mental Aid 1st Aide to teachers in Iowa who were wanting to participate.

6. Child Abuse Assessment Review Subcommittee Update – Sylvia Navin, Maternal and Reproductive Health Manager, gave an update and overview on the new SMRC subcommittee starting July 1, 2026.

7. Public Comment

No members of the public wished to comment

8. 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.

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

Roll Call Vote

Bloome, DuFour, Frick, Fiala, Talkington, Kleen, Klein, Krausman, Line, Manser, McCormick, Wallican, Schissel, Thompson, VanDerWiel, Walker, Wandishion

Members logged into closed session at 10:37 AM and discussed aggregate data, case discussions, and prevention recommendations based upon current cases.

Members re-entered open session at 1:33 PM.

9. Draft Recommendations

- a. Increase education and distribution of carbon monoxide detectors. Partner with Fire Marshall especially in the Fall, to educate the public on safety measures, household recommendations on types of detectors and standards. Have health care providers educate parents on where to place carbon monoxide detectors in the home.

- b. Health care providers educate on immediately seeking emergency care and not “wait and see” if a lithium battery (“button battery”) is swallowed
- c. Provide education to parents and children in school, through health care providers and in the media on the dangers of the cold. Promote seasonally opposite of heat warnings.
- d. Work with the housing authority to do safety checks for older housing, along with providing brochures to those moving into older houses and the dangers that may be present in older houses.
- e. Partner with the Iowa Epilepsy Foundation on safety for children with epilepsy.
- f. Have healthcare providers educate on the effects of sedative medications.

b. Adjournment

Kleen moved to adjourn, seconded by Schissel. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.