Child Abuse Assessment Review Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

Date: November 12, 2026

Time: 12:00-1:00

Location Virtual (Zoom)

https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1652909842

Meeting ID: 165 290 9842

Meeting Objectives

Review and analyze completed child protective services assessments associated with child fatality cases to identify opportunities for system improvement, strengthen assessment practices, enhance cross-agency collaboration, and ensure consistent, effective responses aimed at improving child safety and preventing future harm.

Meeting Participants

Members: Brian Flikeid, Jana Rhoads, Katherine Strub, Rachel Zimmerman Smith,

Staff: Kaitlin Smith, Janelle Larson, Sylvia Navin, Clarice Vincent

Pre-Meeting Tasks

- Log in to SMRC-Child Abuse Assessment Review Subcommittee Teams Folder
- Review case to be familiar with all cases
- Complete CAAR Review Tool form for cases assigned
- Upload completed CAAR Review Tool to Teams Folder or email to kaitlin.smith@hhs.iowa.gov
- Formulate questions, best practices, and recommendations for discussion of fatalities.

Agenda Topic and Items

I. Call meeting to order

II. Introductions to Establish quorum

III. Approval of October 2026 Meeting Minutes

IV. Discuss future meeting details

V. Closed session

a. Roll call vote to move into closed session to review and analyze child abuse records, patient records and other pertinent confidential information appropriate for use in assisting the State Mortality Review Committee in preparing an annual report to the governor and general assembly concerning the case and recommendations for changes to prevent child fatalities when similar circumstances exist outlined in IC §135.43.4.a. and provided for by IC §21.5.1.a

i. Follow up on case #102

ii. Review Case #103

VI. Next meeting – December 10, 2026 12pm-1pm virtual