

Not One More Child Meeting Notes

January 28, 2019

Child Fatality Review Team: Sudden unexpected infant death (SUID) and Youth Suicide Prevention Group Update (Dr. Leon Kelly, El Paso County Coroner; Kelsey Leva, Youth Health and Development Planner; Meghan Haynes, Teen Suicide Prevention Planner; Helen Harris, Population Health Epidemiologist)

Child Fatality Review Team

- Local child death review teams began in 2014 after a law was passed.
- There are four years of complete data, however the review teams are typically reviewing the prior year's cases. (For example, in 2019 the team is reviewing cases from 2018.)
- The state assigns cases, and all related information is collected.
- Previously, reviews were completed in Denver, but the thought soon established that local jurisdictions could do a more in-depth investigations.
- El Paso County formed its own team; the approach may vary in other jurisdictions. For example, smaller counties may collaborate in teams.
- El Paso County Child Fatality Review Team meets the second Monday of each month, from 7:30 a.m.-10: a.m. in Public Health.
- The team does not review natural deaths (such as heart defect, severe illness).
- The last portion of discussion for each case focuses on prevention.

SIDS and SUIDS

- SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) and SUIDS (Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Syndrome)
- Historically with SIDS, the cause of death is unknown, but it is not inherited and cannot be prevented, there is an absence of diagnosis. However, there was no standardized means of investigation or reporting findings.
- In the mid-1990s, an effort began to move towards standards.
- One particular area was risk factors regarding sleep environment.
- Once sleep environment was a focal point of education and prevention, SIDS were reduced by 50 percent – one of the greatest public health achievements in modern history.
- Improvements have been offset by increases in asphyxiation deaths.

Youth Suicide Prevention Group

- Youth suicide is a complex issue.
- In 2015, different entities recognized the need for more collaborative effort to prevent youth suicide.
- Classification of death is a medical opinion.
- Typically, the coroner stops asking questions once suicide is determined.

- In 2017, coroner investigations started asking questions as part of the process (parents, friends, medical records, texting history, social media, and school records).
- Prevention is more challenging when patterns are hard to decipher.
- The Youth Suicide Prevention Workgroup is open to everyone; contact Meghan or Kelsey for more information: MeghanHaynes@elpasoco.com or KelseyLeva@elpasoco.com

Child Abuse Prevention Month (Julie Krow, Department of Human Services Executive Director)

- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month (CAP Month).
- DHS is partnering with the Colorado Springs Conservatory.
- Goal is to focus Child Abuse Prevention Month on “what can we do to help the children in El Paso County.”
- We will also use CAP Month as a way to highlight need to foster and adoptive families. Not everyone can be a home for youth, but everyone can do something.
 - El Paso County has a high number of children in residential and congregate care and we want to bring them “home.”
- Ideally, as many partners as possible will be involved in CAP Month. If your organization has an event or something planned, please let us know! Kristina is building a community CAP Month Calendar that will be shared online.
- Some dates to note
 - April 1, 2019 – Conservatory Event (pinwheels, music, etc.)
 - April 11, 2019 – Proclamation before El Paso County Board of County Commissioners
 - April 27, 2019 – Healthy Kids Day; we’re working on a collaborative event at YMCA locations around the region (pinwheel craft, opportunity to recruit potential foster families).
 - April 1, 11, 15 – Wear Blue Days in El Paso County.
- Window clings promoting CAP Month messaging.
- Magnets with “How to Choose a Safe Caregiver”
- Will push distribution of “crying baby cards” into community to share safe messaging.
- April 5 is the tentative date for an expanded child abuse prevention event. Lead organizer is Kerry MacIntyre-Henry (kyndrashope@usa.com or 803-847-0534).
- The annual conference by Peaceful Households is April 29 at the Antlers Hotel. Registration is open, but more information is online at <https://www.peacefulhouseholds.org/2019-annual-conference>

Committee Updates

Communication

- NOMC Community Cards are available in English and Spanish cards. Contact kristinaiodice@elpasoco.com if you would like some for your organization.
- CDHS has a lot of materials to prevent child abuse and neglect available online to download for printing and sharing. Visit http://www.co4kids.org/2018_CAPM for materials.
- DHS PIO has created a 30-second safe sleep video, which can be shared: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWN_jw9TGno&feature=youtu.be

- More information and another video is available from Public Health:
<https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/healthy-babies-safe-sleep>

Data Committee

- The mapping team is working on heat maps with the 2018 child protection data to show the distribution of abuse/neglect reports.
- Mapping details will change as child protection shifts to Differential Response, DR, when responding to reports of child abuse and neglect. The shift began in 2017.
- Maps are posted online: <http://dhs.elpasoco.com/Pages/NOMCChildAbuseData.aspx>
- CDHS shares a lot of statewide data on the Community Performance Center:
<http://www.cdhsdatamatters.org/>

Medical Community

- Academy Kids Dental, Vision and Orthodontics would love to attend any community outreach events that are planned. Academy Kids Dental offers Tooth Fairy events upon request.
- In December, Academy Kids will be sponsoring a toy drive to benefit 500 families with gifts and stockings.
- For more information, contact Annette Bernal, Community Outreach Specialist, at Annette.bernal@academykidsdental.com or 719-375-9007.

Other Updates

Colorado Department of Human Services

- Dianna Butler, Public Awareness Communications Specialist, has marketing materials that can be co-branded. CDHS is seeking partners in child abuse/neglect prevention efforts.
- For more information, contact Dianna at 303-866-3258 or dianna.butler@state.co.us.

CASA

- Jessica Kobylinski is the new director of programs
- Most children at CASA are young men, however most advocates are women. CASA seeks more male advocates. Direct those interested to <https://www.casappr.org/>.
- CASA is working to make sure children and families are connected to programs and resources to help.

BACA – Bikers Against Child Abuse

- The group focuses on helping kids in fear because of abuse or neglect; they offer a visible show of support and caring. The children can't wish themselves out of poverty but they can be given/taught the tools to live.
- BACA is looking into ways to support/Promote NOMC.
- <http://colorado.bacaworld.org/colorado/pikes-peak-chapter/>

Pikes Peak Community College

- PPCC has many resources for students, as well as sponsoring events, scholarships, and food assistance.
- For more information, contact Belenda Cornelius at 719-502-2088, 719-325-6831 or Belenda.Cornelius@ppcc.edu.

Department of Human Services

- Lynn manages resources at DHS. Organizations can share their materials with her for display.
- Contact: D. Lynn Schulz (DianaSchulz@elpasoco.com) or 719-444-5722

Please check the website at Notonemorechild.net for information that can be updated or added.

The Not One More Child coalition will next meet at 9 a.m. on **March 18** in the **Assessor's Training Room** in the Citizens Service Center.

If your committees plan to meet between now and then, I'll gladly share those details with the group. Just let me know!

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