

State Child Death Review and Prevention Team Meeting

November 20, 2025

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Member Attendance at August 28, 2025 meeting					
Name	Role		Name	Role	
Laura Chisholm, PhD, MPH, MCHES, state team co-chair	Oregon Health Authority, Public Health, Injury & Violence Prevention Program	x	Thomas Valvano, MD	Doernbecher Children's Hospital, CARES Northwest, Child Abuse Pediatrics	x

Deb Carnaghi, LCSW, CCISM, state team co-chair	Oregon Department of Human Services, Child Welfare, Child Fatality Prevention and Review Program	x	Annette Lopez	Oregon Health & Science University, Toxicology	xx
Sean Hurst, MD	Oregon State Medical Examiner	x	Robin Reimer, J.D.	Oregon Department of Justice, Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Fund, Children's Justice Act Task Force	x
Karen Ayers	Safe Kids / Oregon Child Development Coalition	x	Rachel Ford, MPH	Oregon Health Authority, Public Health, Emergency Medical Services for Children	x
Shelly Smith	Oregon Child Abuse Solutions		Rahela Rehman	Oregon Department of Justice	x
Tamara Grigsby, MD	Oregon Health & Science University, General and Child Abuse Pediatrics		Jennifer Johnson (Alanna Russell)	Oregon Department of Education	x
Sherri Alderman, MD, MPH, IMH-E, FAAP	Centers for Disease Control Act Early Ambassador		Dan Leonhardt, MD	Child Abuse Pediatrician, CARES NW / Randall Children's Hospital	

Emily Taylor	Multnomah County, District Attorney's Office, Multnomah County Child Death Review Team		Amanda Nadell (Rachna Hajari)	Oregon District Attorneys Association	x
Amber Kroeker	Child Injury Prevention Program Coordinator, Randall Children's Hospital	x	Shanda Hochstetler	Oregon Health Authority, Health Systems Division, Behavioral Health	x
Kathleen McDonough	Washington County, Child Abuse Multidisciplinary and Child Death Review Teams		Cate Wilcox	Oregon Health Authority, Public Health, Maternal & Child Health	
Lani Williams	Oregon Youth Authority	x	Natalya Miller, MD, FAAP	Children's Advocacy Center of Jackson County and Pediatric SANE Program	x
Rachel Howard, MS, QMHP-C, CCISM	Child Welfare, Child Fatality Prevention and Review Program, Critical Incident Review Teams, and Suicide Prevention	x	Sgt. Davis Kile	Child Abuse Team, Portland Police Bureau	
Katrina Gannon-Peterson	Department of Early Learning and Care		Cynthia Floyd, FNP-BC	Star Center Child Advocacy Center	x

Taylor Chambers, MPH	Oregon Health Authority, Public Health, Injury & Violence Prevention Program, Youth Suicide Prevention	x			
Guests					
State Technical Assistance Team					
Robyn Ellis, MPH	OHA, Public Health, Injury & Violence Prevention				

Agenda for November 2025 meeting

8:40am-8:50am Photos of Furry Fosters and Furry Family Members

8:50am-8:55am Welcome and Introductions

1. Read grounding statement (Jennifer Johnson): We bring to this discussion a beautiful mosaic of experiences, lenses, cultures, passions, and energy. We must also acknowledge those who are not represented and those who our system has excluded. We are not a true representation of the Oregon families we serve. Let's welcome the challenging and uncomfortable path to change this and use this acknowledgment as a foundation from which to act.
2. Introductions: Share name, pronoun if you choose, and role in chat. If applicable, send corrections to how your name and affiliation appear in the agenda.

8:55am-9:50am State Team Business

1. Review and approve notes and action items from prior meeting
2. Membership Changes and Guests
3. Updates (ME support)

9:50am-10:30am Access to medical records (letters and communication)

10:30am-10:45am Break

10:45am-12:30pm Prevention Recommendations

Review and determine state team response

12:30pm-12:40pm Member updates

12:40pm-12:45pm Wrap up

1. Agenda items and volunteers for next meeting
2. Next meeting date: Thursday, February 26, 2026, 8:45am – 12:45pm
3. Adjourn

Notes from August 2025 meeting:

- Gratitude to Taylor for reading the grounding statement and all the team members who followed up on the medical records access action items.
- Notes from May meeting reviewed and approved.
- Robust discussion about access to medical records. Included report out from team members that reached out to hospital systems. Alanna: Providence Hospital Medical Records
- Suggestion to reach out to hospital association to review draft medical access letter before finalizing and again to collaborate on communication to hospitals that the letter is coming.
- Decision to use ODHS OHA letterhead and sign letter from ODHS and OHA rather than state team.
- Tam met with Epic Piper who has a mostly complete spreadsheet with the records requests contacts statewide. Suggested housing that on the death review and prevention website. IN addition, emailing or faxing the letter requesting records and attaching statute. Set of instructions to remind recipient of records request to record and maintain a log of what was released, to whom, and for what purpose.
- Discussed a cover sheet for the coordinator could be beneficial.
- Discussion about ensuring process developed supports consistent communication between medical provider, team coordinator, and team chair.
- Next steps: Finalize letter, obtain hospital association feedback, draft guidance for the “one pager” that includes guidance on the “how to”, meet with Epic Piper to obtain spreadsheet of record request contacts. Post all on website. Also, explore if there is a records request professional group. Cover sheet for coordinator?
- Renovation of a Central Point autopsy facility and building a new autopsy facility in Eugene. In legislative session the definition of medical examiner was expanded to include nurse practitioners to make it easier for rural counties to sign death certificates.
- Engaged in a discussion about the importance of data. Specifically discussed substance data and what substances are currently the largest impact on communities.
- Update Children’s Justice Act grant awarded to Oregon Child Abuse Solutions to support county child death review and prevention teams

- Reviewed prevention recommendations one child fatality case. The county had taken significant steps toward implementation already. The recommendation related to widening a road and placing new street signage.
- Oregon Department of Education rolling out training in a train the trainer model. It is the Oregon Model of Behavior, Safety (threat) Assessment Training. Rollout begins this year. <https://www.safeoregon.com/>. Also, Report Don't Repost online campaign rolling out in partnership with Safe Oregon.
- Next quarterly meeting will be November 20, 2025. Jennifer Johnson volunteered to read the grounding statement and Laura Chisholm volunteered to monitor the chat. Natalya Miller and Cynthia Floyd volunteered to outreach to counties about prevention efforts.

Action Items from August meeting:

Item	Assigned to	Status
Draft guidance/health alert for infant/child/youth opioid/other drug exposure and poisoning prevention	Laura Chisholm & Annette Lopez & Natalya Miller & Cynthia Floyd & Rachel Ford	This effort is happening within the DEC protocol work being facilitated by OCAS. No longer being led by this team. Members of this team engaged in DEC protocol committee.
Membership group action items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cate volunteered to create draft membership Smartsheet. New member survey could link to Smartsheet and prefill data about member perspectives. 	Cate Wilcox & Doris Halpin-Reyes	Members who have not completed survey – please complete. List will be sent to members to review and update. Survey link is here: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/d768b04341f24733b7a786b523d7b321
Reach out to hospital association to review draft letter, discuss communication about roll out, and determine if there is a	Laura	Switching from review to communication. Also adding the Oregon Health Information Management Association to also partner on communication.

records request professional group.		
Access to medical records, one pager to include procedure for coordinators to optimize medical provider contribution	Deb, Robin, Kathleen, Emily, Natalya	Deb to draft and others to review
Finalize access to medical records letter	Deb	
Draft cover sheet for coordinator to use when sending record request letter	Deb	
Reach out to Ben Hoffman and/or the AAP committee on child fatality to discuss the sleep related infant death algorithm. Reach out to National Center to inquire about guidelines/guidance.	Tam Grigsby, Laura Chisholm	In process.
Team members to attend a county team meeting within one year	All team members	Ongoing. Laura to identify when complete.
Team members to reach out to Deb Carnaghi if still not on Teams channel	All team members	Ongoing.
Team members to review and sign recommitment letter or reach out to co-chairs. Re-commitment letter is in Teams channel under files in membership folder.	All team members	Ongoing. Laura to identify when complete. Signed commitment letters

Confidentiality Agreements	All team members	Ongoing. Laura to identify when complete.
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