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**LOUISIANA STATE CHILD DEATH REVIEW**  
628 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA  
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September 26, 2017

Attendees: Dawn Vick, Lt. Kolb, Lauren Meher, Sara Dickerson, Nicole Soudelier, Martha Hennegan, Lisa Norman, Devin George, Alexa Erck, Shelley Ryan-Gray, Sandra Adams, Myra Stoufflet, Jana Comeaux, Madeline Carbonette, James Groody, Abby Collier, Laurel Kitto, Cynthia Gunther, Kelly Bankston, Lydia Plante, Mona Michelli, Ashlyn Melton, Rosa Forest, Christine Cornell, Janice Zube, Laura Dr. Clayton Kleinpeter, Danita LeBlanc

Chair: Parham Jaber, MD

**Meeting Notes:**

1. Overview of Louisiana Child Death Review Report, 2013-2015  
Lydia Plante, Mortality Epidemiologist for LDH-OPH-Bureau of Family Health, presented major findings from the Louisiana Child Death Review report produced earlier this year. The team recommended a presentations be scheduled with the following organizations to present the report's findings: Legislative Health and Welfare Committee, Louisiana's chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Human Services Districts, and parenting classes.
2. Drowning Subcommittee  
See attached
3. Safe Sleep Subcommittee  
Laurel Kitto has agreed to chair the Safe Sleep Subcommittee. The committee is currently focused on responding to HCR 58 that requests a report be produced by the Bureau of Family Health, State Child Death Review, and Department of Child and Family Services to evaluate the desirability and efficacy of a statewide "baby box" program as a means of reducing infant mortality. The report is due to legislature early January. Future priorities of the subcommittee include examining methods for provider safe sleep education and identifying ways to improve teaching strategies employed by providers.
4. Child Death Investigation Recommendations  
State Child Death Review is required to establish the child death investigation protocol for Louisiana per R.S. 40:2019. A 2016 subcommittee of State Child Death Review produced recommendations that were presented this month at the Louisiana Homicide Investigators Association meeting. Attendees suggested the recommendations be further disseminated by making them available to fire services, the District Attorneys' association, and the Coroner's Association. See attached.
5. Announcements
  - Women's Hospital built a safe sleep display that utilizes teach back methods for safe sleep education
  - Department of Child and Family Services has a new online reporting system for mandated reporters. It can be accessed at [https://mr.dcfhs.la.gov/c/MR\\_PortalApp.app](https://mr.dcfhs.la.gov/c/MR_PortalApp.app)

- Region 4/Lafayette Child Death Review has seen a rise in suicides and in response developed a Suicide Prevention Taskforce. This region has also experimented with safe sleep education for nursing students at University of Louisiana Lafayette and are currently in the process of evaluating that work. Their findings will form the basis of subsequent work of the State Child Death Review's Safe Sleep Subcommittee.
- Next Meeting: December 12, 2017 – the Iowa Room, 1-153, Claiborne Building. Please note location change: Parking is free.

6. Adjourn



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