

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Health
INITIATED BY



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DRAFTED BY

Board of Health
SUBMITTED BY

September 24, 2013
DATE DRAFTED

To Support Child Death Review Legislation

- 1 **WHEREAS**, many Wisconsin children die each year from preventable deaths; and
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- 3 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is one of seven states without comprehensive child death review legislation; and
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, for every one child that dies, significantly more are treated in emergency rooms and
- 6 hospitalized for serious injuries; and
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, local child death review teams provide the opportunity to review the circumstances and
- 9 risk factors surrounding the death of a child, to identify trends and assist in prevention strategies to
- 10 decrease the chances of further deaths or serious injuries; and
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- 12 **WHEREAS**, local child death review teams allow each county to review deaths in a timely manner
- 13 through an established system involving local agencies and community members who are familiar with
- 14 the circumstances surrounding the death; and
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- 16 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin has 49 teams, covering 51 counties; and
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- 18 **WHEREAS**, Rock County Health Department has a child death review team that would benefit from
- 19 comprehensive legislation; and
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- 21 **WHEREAS**, enabling legislation will affirm the existing child death review practices, ensure the sharing
- 22 of relevant information, and provide for formal recognition of each local death review team.
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- 24 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 25 on this 10 day of October, 2013 does hereby support introduction of legislation to
- 26 the Wisconsin State Legislature.

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Respectfully submitted,

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FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact.

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LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.

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Matter of policy.

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County Administrator

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin, the Injury Research Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services are working to introduce and pass child death review legislation in the upcoming legislative sessions.

The purpose for this legislation is to establish a recognized child death review program for the entire state of Wisconsin that promotes prevention, and resolves barriers confronting local Child Death Review teams.

Child Death Review teams serve to review the circumstances surrounding the death of children 18 years of age and younger. With an understanding of how and why children die, prevention strategies can be implemented to prevent future childhood deaths.

Rock County is one of 49 counties that has a Child Death Review team. This legislation would strengthen the existing team and assist the team with acquiring additional information it cannot currently obtain. Additionally, this legislation confirms that information from Child Death Review meetings is not subject to subpoena or discovery, and creates a penalty for confidentiality breaches by any team member.