
Buncombe County Community Child Protection Team & Child Fatality Prevention Team



Protecting our Children

June 13, 2017

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners
200 College Street, Suite 326
Asheville, NC 28801

Dear Chairman Newman:

On behalf of the combined Buncombe County Community Child Protection Team & Child Fatality Prevention Team (CCPT/CFPT), it is my pleasure to submit our annual report for activities undertaken in 2016.

The two main focus areas for this group are safe sleep for infants and the impact of opioid replacement therapy on mothers and newborns. CCPT/CFPT works with community partners to support efforts to engage and educate the community on these two important topics as they relate to child safety and the prevention of fatalities.

Our combined team met ten times in 2016. Additional activities of this group from this past calendar year were:

- Purchased 74 Safe Sleep Boxes, 300 onesies with the *ABCs* of safe sleep printed on them (**A**lone, on their **B**ack, and in a **C**rib), and 74 sleep sacks for distribution to families being discharged from Mission without a safe sleep option and/or for mothers/babies on opioid replacement therapy
- Developed electronic mortality data tracking tool to explore causes of child fatalities and possible factors (implemented in January 2017)
- Supported the newly reorganized Mountain Child Advocacy Center with Child Abuse Prevention Month activities in Aril 2016
- Completed annual reports for the state for both CCPT and CFPT activities
- Performed 2 Case Reviews of active DSS cases
- Performed 24 Child Fatality Reviews from calendar year 2015
- Notified of 1 Child Maltreatment Fatality from calendar year 2015, an Intensive Review by the state is pending

CCPT/CFPT is pleased to report that mandated membership positions are filled with the exception of one vacant position which is the parent of a child who died before their 18th birthday. We continue our recruitment efforts for this critical member. This past

year, we invited CCWNC and MAHEC OB/GYN Specialists to participate in our meetings in order to have additional knowledge at the table.

If the County Commissioners would like additional detail of the efforts of your CCPT/CFPT, please let us know. We would like to thank the County Commissioners for their support of the CCPT/CFPT in our efforts to make Buncombe County a safe place to be a kid.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer E. Nehlsen,
Chair

Current CCPT/CFPT Membership

MANDATED MEMBER	AGENCY	REPRESENTATIVE	MEMBER SINCE
DSS Director's Designee	Buncombe DHHS	Katie Swanson	2013
Local Law Enforcement Officer	Asheville Police Dept.	Sgt. James Wade Cecil	2016
	Buncombe County Sheriff's Dept.	Det. Jeff Eaton	2017
District Attorney Designee	Buncombe District Attorney's Office	Rachel Grofsky	2015
	Buncombe District Attorney's Office	Lisa Morrison	2006
Local Community Action Agency	Community Action Opportunities	Trudy Logan	2016
School Superintendent Designee	Asheville City Schools	April Dockery	2015
	Buncombe County Schools	Candie Sellers	2015
County Board of Social Services	Buncombe County HHS Board	Candrice Thul	2015
Mental Health Professional	Vaya Health LME/MCO	Darcie Sootin	2016
	Family Preservation Services	Kirsten Smith	2013
Guardian ad Litem	Guardian ad Litem – District 28	Jennifer Nehlsen	2012
Director of Dept. of Public Health Designee	Buncombe DHHS	Dr. Jennifer Mullendore	2011
Local Health Care Provider	Mission Children's Clinic	Dr. Cynthia Brown	1999
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Emergency Services Provider	Buncombe County EMS	Roger Banks	2015
District Court Judge	Buncombe County District Court	Judge Ward Scott	2015
County Medical Examiner	Buncombe County Medical Examiner	Dr. Harold Schutte	2005
Local Child Care/HeadStart	Community Action Opportunities HeadStart	Sharon Farmer	2015
Parent of a Child Who Died Before 18 th Birthday		VACANT	

Additional Appointed Members:

Dana Arrington, Community Care of Western North Carolina, Member since 2016

Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner, Buncombe County Commission, Member since 2017

Dr. Elizabeth Buys, MAHEC OB/GYN Specialists, Member since 2017

Molly Payne, Children's Developmental Services Agency, Member since 2005

Geoff Sidoli, Executive Director, Mountain Child Advocacy Center, Member since 2015

Mary Ellen Wright, Mission Hospital, Member since 2016

Review Coordinator:

Eleanor Watson, DHHS