

**Buncombe County Community Child
Protection Team
&
Child Fatality Prevention Team**

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Purpose of NC Child Fatality Prevention System

- Develop a community-wide approach to child abuse & neglect
- Understand causes of childhood deaths
- Identify gaps/deficiencies in service delivery
- Make & implement recommendations for laws/rules/policies to prevent future child abuse, neglect, & death

Community Child Protection Team

Review selected active cases of children being served by Child Protective Services (CPS)

Review cases in which a child died as a result of suspected abuse/neglect, **AND:**
a report of abuse/neglect was made about the child or family within the prior 12 months, **OR** the child or family was a recipient of CPS within the prior 12 months.



Child Fatality Prevention Team

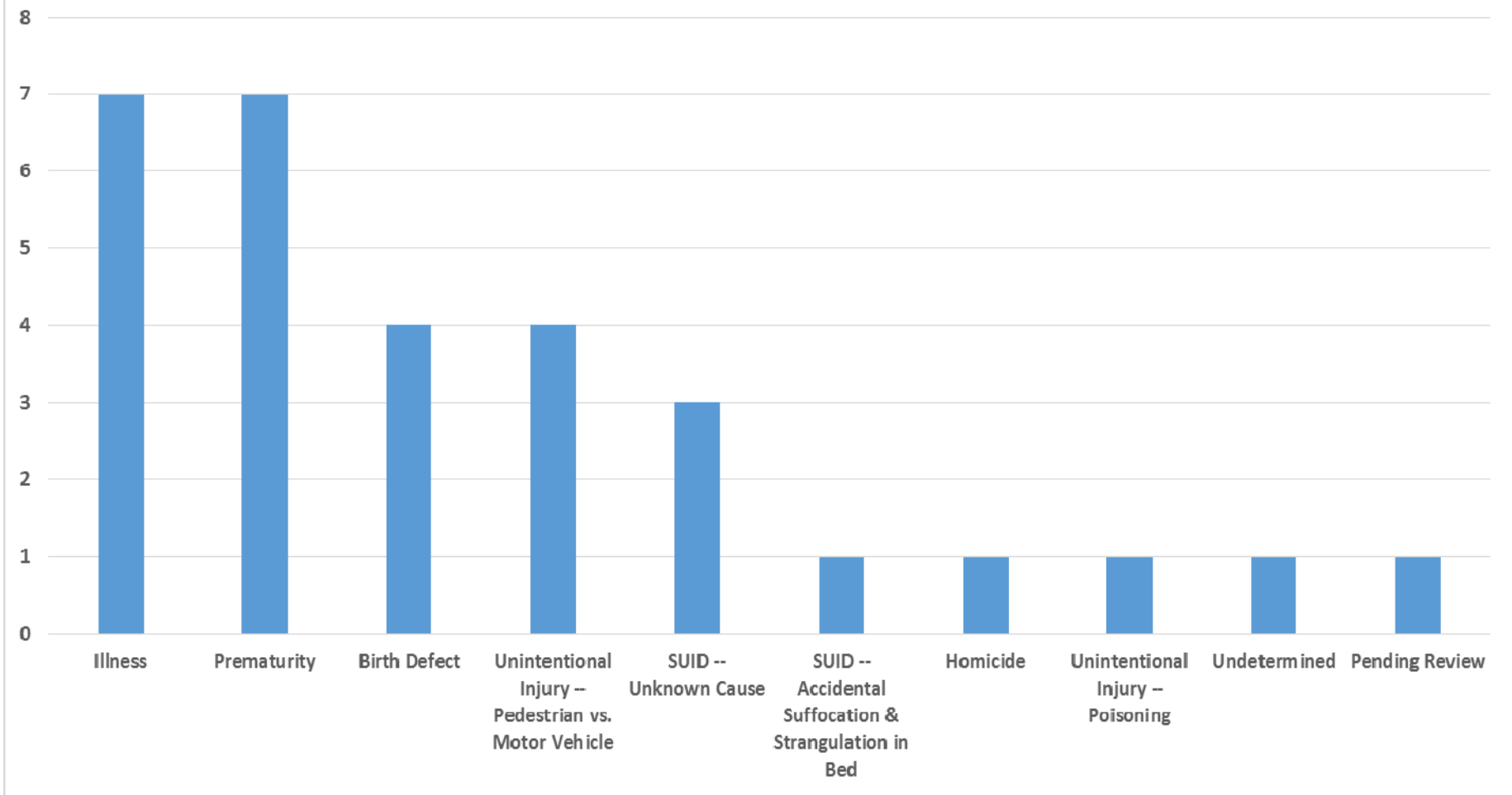
Review records of all cases of additional child fatalities.



BOC Appointment of Team Members

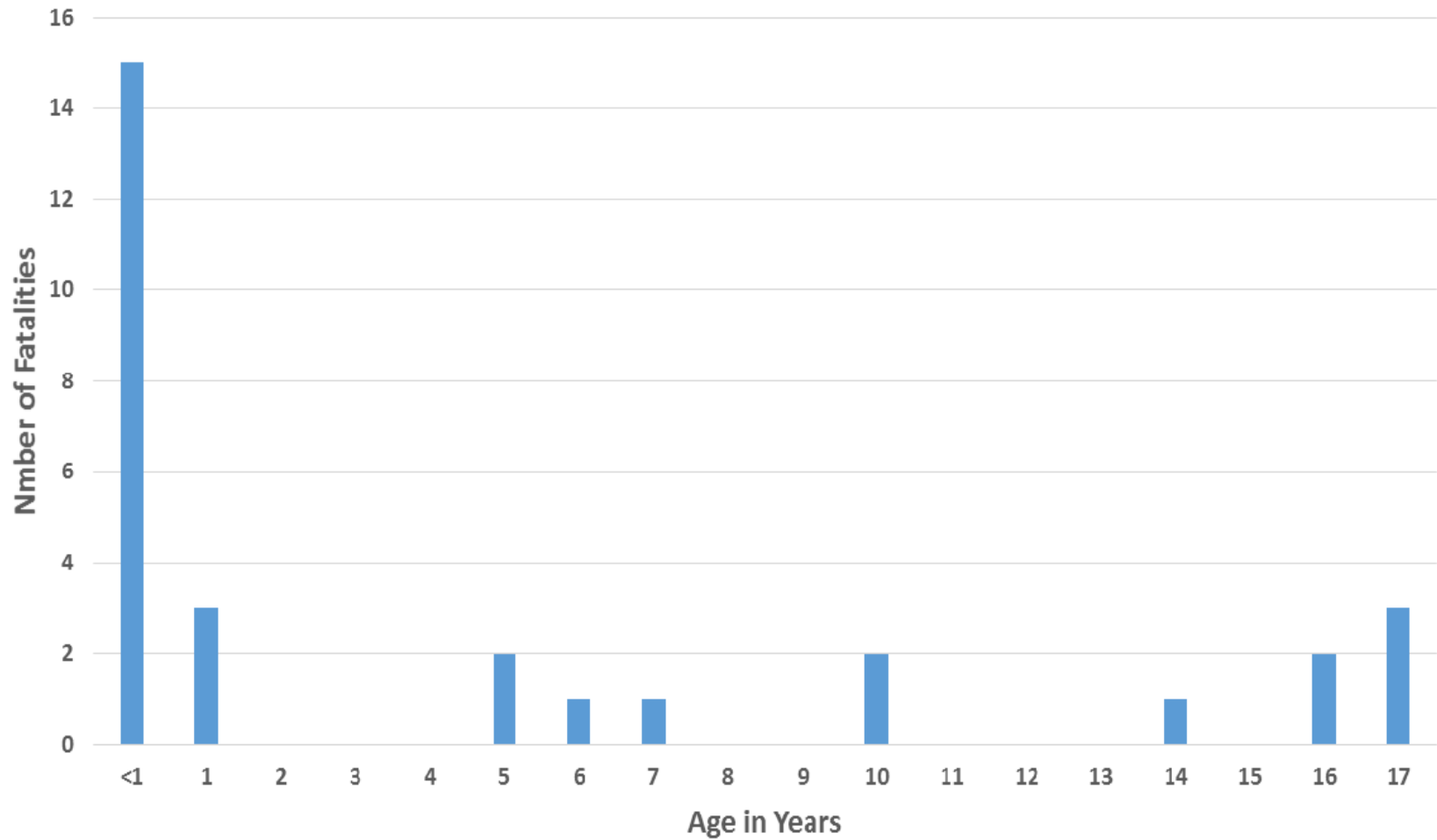
- Mandated members from local law enforcement
 - Sgt. Angie Tullis, Asheville Police Department
 - Sgt. Ryan Jordan, Buncombe County Sheriff's Dept.
- Additional members
 - Sherry Noto, Supervisor of Care Coordination for Children, Community Care of WNC
 - Tammy Cody, Team Lead, Clinical Social Work, Perinatal Substance Exposure Project, Mission Hospital

Causes of Child Fatalities, Buncombe County, 2016



Data from Buncombe County Child Fatality Prevention Team

Number of Child Fatalities by Age, Buncombe County, 2016



Causes of Infant Mortality, Buncombe County, 2016

