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From:

Kevin King - County Manager < kevinking@jacksonnc.org>

Sent:

Thursday, December 12, 2024 8:05 AM

To:

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Subject:

FW: Child Fatality Prevention Team

From: Anna Lippard - Health Dept annalippard@jacksonnc.org

Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 10:44 AM

To: Kevin King - County Manager < kevinking@jacksonnc.org>

Subject: RE: Child Fatality Prevention Team

Of course!

The Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT) confidentially reviews medical examiner reports, death certificates, and other records for county residents under the age of 18 who have passed away. Each local team is composed of representatives from a variety of public and private agencies, including law enforcement, the Department of Social Services (DSS), the Health Department, the District Attorney's Office, AWAKE (Community Action Agency), Mental Health services, Guardian Ad Litem, healthcare providers, medical examiner, and others who serve children and families in the community.

Through these reviews, the CFPT identifies opportunities for systems improvements and recommends changes aimed at preventing future child deaths. The local team collaborates closely with Safe Kids Jackson County to offer educational programs and initiatives focused on reducing child injuries and fatalities.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Anna

From: Kevin King - County Manager < kevinking@jacksonnc.org>

Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 10:29 AM

To: Anna Lippard Health Dept <annalippard@jacksonnc.org>

Subject: Re: Child Fatality Prevention Team

Could you give me a brief description of the teams purpose. I know you have to give a report each year on child fatalities

but what else does the team do?

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 5, 2024, at 10:21 AM, Kevin King - County Manager < kevinking@jacksonnc.org > wrote:

Yes

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 5, 2024, at 10:20 AM, Anna Lippard - Health Dept < annalippard@jacksonnc.org > wrote:

Great! Will you share your recommendation at the next BOCC meeting and ask for a motion/approval from the commissioners?

From: Kevin King - County Manager < kevinking@jacksonnc.org>

Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 12:16 PM

To: Anna Lippard Health Dept <annalippard@jacksonnc.org>

Subject: Re: Child Fatality Prevention Team

I am in agreement to keep it at the local level. Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 4, 2024, at 11:44 AM, Anna Lippard - Health Dept <annalippard@jacksonnc.org> wrote:

Hi Kevin,

As you may be aware, recent legislative changes were enacted through the 2023 Appropriations Act, which affect the NC Child Fatality Prevention System. While most of these changes will take effect on July 1, 2025, at the start of the new fiscal year, there is one requirement that must be met by January 1, 2025. Specifically, the Board of County Commissioners must decide whether our Local Team will continue operating as a single-county team or transition to a multi-county team.

Our team's recommendation is to maintain our current structure as a single-county team. The manner and formality of this decision is at the discretion of the county commissioners.

How would you recommend we proceed?

I've attached the FAQ on the changes for your reference as well as action worksheet that may be helpful if a more formal approach is used when presenting the board with this information.

Thank you, Anna

Anna Lippard

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