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DIRECTOR

**Request for Appointment to the
Child Fatality Prevention Team**

Date: 4/15/2024

Jackson County Department of Public Health
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Dear Jackson County Board of Commissioners:

As Chairperson of the Jackson County Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT), I am writing to request your help.

Article 14, 7B-1407 provides for an additional member to be appointed to the CFPT by you. The Team is requesting the official appointment of Meagan Cagle, Health Education Supervisor at Jackson County Department of Public Health to fill this position. Please confirm this appointment in writing as soon as is feasible.

Because information and member participation are critical components to the development of effective recommendations to protect our county's children, please appoint someone who will be able to participate in the majority of our meetings each year.

Our CFPT meets the 4th Thursday each month at 4:00pm.
Meeting dates for the rest of this calendar year are Thursday, May 23rd at 4:00pm, Thursday, August 22nd at 4:00pm, and the 4th quarter is to be scheduled.

Please call me at (828) 587 - 8225 if you have any questions. I look forward to your response and thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

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Anna Lippard, Chairperson
Devon Danner-Allison, BSN, RN, County CFPT

Attachment: Article 14, 7B-1407

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§ 7B-1407. Local Teams; composition.

(a) Each Local Team shall consist of representatives of public and nonpublic agencies in the community that provide services to children and their families and other individuals who represent the community. No single team shall encompass a geographic or governmental area larger than one county.

(b) Each Local Team shall consist of the following persons:

- (1) The director of the county department of social services and a member of the director's staff;
- (2) A local law enforcement officer, appointed by the board of county commissioners;
- (3) An attorney from the district attorney's office, appointed by the district attorney;
- (4) The executive director of the local community action agency, as defined by the Department of Health and Human Services, or the executive director's designee;
- (5) The superintendent of each local school administrative unit located in the county, or the superintendent's designee;
- (6) A member of the county board of social services, appointed by the chair of that board;
- (7) A local mental health professional, appointed by the director of the area authority established under Chapter 122C of the General Statutes;
- (8) The local guardian ad litem coordinator, or the coordinator's designee;
- (9) The director of the local department of public health; and
- (10) A local health care provider, appointed by the local board of health.

(c) In addition, a Local Team that reviews the records of additional child fatalities shall include the following five additional members:

- (1) An emergency medical services provider or firefighter, appointed by the board of county commissioners;
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(d) The Team Coordinator shall serve as an ex officio member of each Local Team that reviews the records of additional child fatalities. The board of county commissioners may appoint a maximum of five additional members to represent county agencies or the community at large to serve on any Local Team. Vacancies on a Local Team shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

(e) Each Local Team shall elect a member to serve as chair at the Team's pleasure.

(f) Each Local Team shall meet at least four times each year.

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