

During the past twelve months, the Committee has worked on a wide variety of documents and enlisted the assistance of several agencies, each of which has a knowledge base for improving the Committee's guidance documents. We have debated, discussed, and sought additional information on a wide variety of documents. Early on, the Committee agreed upon several overarching principles that would guide our investigations and recommendations.

1. If at all possible, the Committee would seek to reach consensus on each document and every recommendation. Achieving consensus requires members exercise flexibility. In addition the Committee members would be willing to continue to discuss points of apparently diverse opinions until consensus could be achieved. While the possibility always remained that a document or recommendation could be the subject of a majority vote, I am happy to report that all members of the Committee have agreed upon each and every document as follows.

2. At the direction of Nevada Statute (NRS) Chapter 439.5108, the Committee is to create its first annual report in September 2014.

3. The Committee agreed to focus its first set of documents:

- Confidentiality agreement among Committee members and Committee staff personnel.
- By-Law was the next to be tackled. The committee reviewed several death review by-laws from other committees within Nevada and two from other states. In December the first draft was formed and with extensive upgrades the document was finalized in the spring of 2014.
- A protocol document was formed in January after review of other committee protocols and after review and enlisting the assistance of the Attorney General's Office Staff the Protocols were approved in June of 2014.
- The committee developed and approved a suicide death information request template.
- In addition the Committee has adopted a Method of Sampling Death Certificates in order to have a random view of suicides in Nevada. This sampling will augment specific cases selected for review.
- During the initial stages of the committee it was identified that the team should have a review tool in order to capture consistent data on suicide that are reviewed. Hence a review tool was developed and awaiting approval by the committee at the next scheduled meeting.
- At the first in person meeting in June 2014 the Committee identified the need to reach out to families who have lost loved ones to suicide. The Committee agreed the request has to be thought out and consistent. Mike Murphy has taken on this task and the message used to reach out to families of suicide lost should be introduced to the Committee at the next meeting.

4. In addition to preparing documents for the Committee, the Committee reviewed nine suicides in Nevada to glean a perspective of the use of the tool and to get into the process. The review went extremely well in achieving cohesion among Committee members. It provided insight into how the process could go. It enabled us to exercise our abilities to collect information on suicide and to examine available data sources.