

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW SUICIDE FATALITIES (CRSF)

Open Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

I. Roll Call and Introductions

The Chair, Dr. Laura D. Knight, called the meeting to order at 1:47 pm. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was established. Committee members, subject matter experts, State staff, and guests introduced themselves before proceeding with the meeting.

II. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

III. Approval of Previous Closed Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the November 2025, December 2025, and May 12, 2026, Closed Meeting Minutes. Dr. Knight noted one correction to remove a county of residence from one case to further protect confidentiality. Cherylyn Rahr-Wood moved to approve the minutes as amended. Janet Massolo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Overview of the SAMHSA VA Summit

Cherylyn Rahr-Wood presented highlights from the SAMHSA-VA Summit, which she and Zachary Ree attended. As Mr. Ree was unable to attend the meeting, Ms. Rahr-Wood provided the conference presentation on behalf of both attendees. The presentation included the Suicide Mortality Review Committee Toolkit, committee sustainability, self-care for reviewers, funding opportunities, data collection systems, policy development, and national promising practices. Members discussed culturally responsive lethal means safety messaging, firearm safety resources, safe-storage strategies, and evaluating whether committee recommendations lead to meaningful policy changes.

V. School Presentation Discussion / Collaboration

The Committee discussed opportunities to strengthen collaboration with Nevada school districts and Child Death Review Teams, improve communication regarding youth and transitional-age cases, and identify additional opportunities to coordinate school-based suicide prevention efforts.

VI. CRSF Annual Report Draft

State Staff presented the draft Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities (CRSF) Annual Report for committee review and discussion. Members reviewed the report and provided feedback regarding the report's content, formatting, recommendations, and overall organization. State Staff documented the committee's comments and recommendations for incorporation into the next draft.

During the discussion, committee members reviewed the Annual Report timeline. It was agreed that Friday, July 24, 2026, would serve as the deadline for committee members to

submit final edits, comments, and suggested revisions. Staff will incorporate all requested changes into the next draft.

The Committee further discussed the report's publication schedule. Tracy Palmer advised that the Annual Report is due to be submitted by September 30, 2026. To meet that deadline, the finalized report will be presented to the Committee for final review and approval on August 24, 2026, CRSF Open Meeting before submission.

No formal action was taken on the draft report during this agenda item.

VII. Members' Announcements

Members shared updates regarding statewide suicide prevention trainings, conferences, and outreach initiatives. Upcoming events discussed included:

- August 2026 – SAPST (Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training) in Las Vegas.
- August 11–13, 2026 – Governor's Challenge Site Visit and Suicide Mortality Review.
- August 13, 2026 – Southern Nevada Substance Misuse and Opioid Prevention Summit (SMOPS), Tuscany Suites, Las Vegas.
- September 2026 – Northern Nevada firearm safety training.
- November 19, 2026 – NAMI Nevada Conference in Reno.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

The Committee agreed that future meetings will include the final approval of the CRSF Annual Report, discussion of key takeaways from the August Suicide Mortality Review (SMR) and Governor's Challenge Site Visit, updates on Nevada's Five-Year State Suicide Prevention Plan, Office of Analytics Data Dashboard enhancements, continued collaboration with school districts and Child Death Review Teams, and ongoing review of committee recommendations and statewide prevention initiatives.

IX. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

X. Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, the Chair thanked members for their participation and noted the productive discussion. Jamie Ross moved to adjourn the meeting. Cherylyn Rahr-Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:01pm