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MULTNOMAH COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REVIEW TEAM

MEMBER AGENCY AND ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to ORS 418.714(1), the Multnomah County Family Violence Coordinating Council, in collaboration with the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, has established the Multnomah County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team ("Fatality Review Team"). The purpose of the Fatality Review Team is to assist local organizations and agencies to identify and review domestic violence fatalities, to make recommendations to prevent such fatalities, and to improve our community's response to domestic violence. The Fatality Review Team is required to develop written agreements in which the members agree that they understand and agree with the principles outlined ORS 418.712 et seq.

AGREEMENT

Each member, on his or her own behalf and on behalf of the member agency or organization, has reviewed ORS 418.712 and ORS 418.714 and understands and agrees to the principles outlined therein including the following:

1. The purpose of the Fatality Review Team is to review domestic violence fatalities and make recommendations to prevent domestic violence fatalities by:
 - a. Improving communication between public and private organizations and agencies;
 - b. Determining the number of domestic violence fatalities occurring in the team's county and the factors associated with those fatalities;
 - c. Identifying ways in which community response might have intervened to prevent a fatality;
 - d. Providing accurate information about domestic violence to the community; and
 - e. Generating recommendations for improving community response to and prevention of domestic violence.
2. The Fatality Review Team shall include representatives of the agencies and organizations identified in ORS 418.714(3). Other individuals may, with the unanimous consent of the team, be included in the Fatality Review Team on an ad hoc basis. The team, by unanimous consent, may decide the extent to which the individual may participate as a full member of the team for a particular review.
3. The Fatality Review Team members will comply with the written protocols for review (a copy of which is attached to this Agreement), including protocols relating to the procedures for case review and preservation of confidentiality, that were adopted on May 18, 2006 and revised June 4, 2007 by the Fatality Review Team.
4. Each organization or agency represented on the Fatality Review Team may share with other members of the team information concerning the victim who is the subject of the review. Any information shared between team members is confidential. However, an individual who is a member of an organization or agency that is represented on the Fatality Review Team is not required to disclose information. The intent of ORS 418.714 and ORS 418.718 is to allow the voluntary disclosure of information.



5. The Fatality Review Team members will maintain the confidentiality of all oral or written communications or documents related to a domestic violence fatality review that is shared within or produced by the Fatality Review Team. Such communications and documents are not subject to disclosure and not discoverable by a third party. The team members agree that all information and records acquired by the team in the exercise of its duties are confidential and may be disclosed only as necessary to carry out the purposes of the fatality review. However, recommendations of a team upon the completion of a review may be disclosed without personal identifiers at the discretion of two-thirds of the members of the team.

In addition, each member, on his or her own behalf and on behalf of the member agency or organization, agrees as follows:

1. The Fatality Review Team member will fully participate in the domestic violence fatality reviews, by sending staff and providing appropriate and timely information to the review team and Fatality Review Team staff, as outlined in the Multnomah County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Protocols, Adopted May 18, 2006 and revised June 4, 2007.
2. The Fatality Review Team member will follow-up on any recommendations relating to the agency or organization that are developed and adopted by the Fatality Review Team. .

THIS HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND IS AGREED TO BY:

Agency or Organization Name

By: _____

Printed Name and Title