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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Jim Pillen, Governor

December 31, 2024

Mr. Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Drug Fatality Report

Dear Mr. Metzler:

The Overdose Fatality Review Teams Act (Nebraska Revised Statutes §§ 71-3422 to 71-3437) passed and was approved by Governor Pillen on June 6, 2023. The passage of this act allowed for the formation of local overdose fatality review teams led by the local public health departments defined by Nebraska Revised Statutes § 71-1626.

As of June 1, 2024, one Local Review Team has been formed: Douglas County Overdose Fatality Review Team. In 2024, the Douglas County Review Team continued collaborating with its partners, held monthly educational meetings on local substance misuse topics, and prepared the review team for case reviews. One case has been reviewed during this time. Local health departments and DHHS are currently focused on exploring the formation of additional teams and continuing to develop and implement the presently formed Fatality Review Team. At this time DHHS is not able to provide additional analysis, trends, or aggregate data.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charity Menefee".

Charity Menefee
Director, Division of Public Health