



## **Alamance County Board of Commissioners**

### **ACTION ITEM AGENDA ITEM**

**MEETING DATE:** 11/4/2024

**DATE SUBMITTED:** 10/28/2024

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**DEPT:** Health Department and Social Services

**AGENDA TITLE:** Combined Review Teams – Child Fatality and Prevention

**TO:** Alamance County Board of Commissioners

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#### **ISSUE/ACTION REQUESTED:**

The board will consider a request to proceed as a single-county team or a multi-county team before January 1, 2025.

#### **BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF REQUEST:**

Pursuant to Session Law 2023-134, Section 9H.15, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) has been directed to establish a new State Office of Child Fatality Prevention. This initiative aims to enhance the state's child fatality review system to better prevent child fatalities and maltreatment. The legislation introduces a comprehensive restructuring of child fatality review systems statewide to streamline processes, prevent child deaths, and promote child well-being. The new legislation merges the local CFPTs and CCPTs into a unified local team for each county, allowing counties to form either a single-county team or a multi-county team. The session law requires county commissioners to determine whether the local team will proceed as a single-county team or a multi-county team before January 1, 2025.

The Alamance County Department of Social Services and Alamance County Health Department remain dedicated to establishing a strong, effective team in accordance with the new law and governing policy. Both directors from health and DSS, along with the team representatives, met to discuss what would be best for the needs of our community and our stakeholders, as well as the new criteria for case reviews.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Social Services and Health Department staff jointly recommend that the Board of Commissioners support and adopt a single-county team. This will allow for a continued local focus on our community's unique needs, families and fatality prevention efforts.

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#### **ATTACHMENTS:**