

MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

NRS 442.751 Definitions. [Effective January 1, 2020.] As used in [NRS 442.751](#) to [442.774](#), inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in [NRS 442.754](#), [442.757](#) and [442.761](#) have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

(Added to NRS by [2019, 41](#), effective January 1, 2020)

NRS 442.754 “Committee” defined. [Effective January 1, 2020.] “Committee” means the Maternal Mortality Review Committee established by [NRS 442.764](#).

(Added to NRS by [2019, 41](#), effective January 1, 2020)

NRS 442.757 “Maternal mortality” defined. [Effective January 1, 2020.] “Maternal mortality” means the death of a woman during pregnancy, childbirth or the 365 days immediately following the end of a pregnancy.

(Added to NRS by [2019, 41](#), effective January 1, 2020)

NRS 442.761 “Severe maternal morbidity” defined. [Effective January 1, 2020.] “Severe maternal morbidity” means an unexpected incident during childbirth that has a serious negative effect on the short-term or long-term health of the mother.

(Added to NRS by [2019, 41](#), effective January 1, 2020)

NRS 442.764 Establishment; membership; compensation of members; member who is officer or employee of State or political subdivision; meetings; immunity from liability; acceptance of gifts, grants or donations; regulations. [Effective January 1, 2020.]

1. The Maternal Mortality Review Committee is hereby established within the Department of Health and Human Services.

2. The Director shall appoint to the Committee not less than 6 members and not more than 12 members who:

(a) Are providers of health care, representatives of nonprofit organizations whose work is related to health care or women’s issues, representatives of agencies involved in vital statistics, law enforcement and public health and other persons interested in maternal health and welfare; and

(b) Represent the racial, ethnic, linguistic and geographic diversity of this State.

3. The members of the Committee serve without compensation but are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

4. A majority of the members of the Committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of a quorum present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Committee.

5. A member of the Committee who is an officer or employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation to prepare for and attend meetings of the Committee and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Committee in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or political subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of the Committee to:

(a) Make up the time he or she is absent from work to carry out his or her duties as a member of the Committee;

or

(b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

6. At the first meeting of the Committee and annually thereafter:

(a) The Director shall appoint a Chair of the Committee;

(b) The Committee shall elect a Secretary from among its members; and

(c) The Committee shall adopt rules for its own management and government.

7. The Committee shall meet at least twice each year and may meet at such further times as deemed necessary by the Chair.

8. A member of the Committee or an employee, agent or consultant of the Committee is not liable in a civil action for any act performed in good faith and within the scope of the duties of the Committee. For the purposes of this subsection, any act which violates a provision of law concerning the privacy of information shall be deemed to be outside the scope of the duties of the Committee.

9. The Director may:

(a) Apply for and accept gifts, grants or donations from any source for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of [NRS 442.751](#) to [442.774](#), inclusive; and

(b) Adopt any regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of [NRS 442.751](#) to [442.774](#), inclusive.

(Added to NRS by [2019, 41](#), effective January 1, 2020)

NRS 442.767 Duties. [Effective January 1, 2020.]

1. The Committee shall:

(a) Identify and review each incident of maternal mortality in this State, regardless of the cause of death. Such a review must include, without limitation and to the extent that such records exist, a review of relevant medical records, birth and death certificates, records of an autopsy, records created by a medical facility or provider of emergency medical services, records of a social services agency, mental health records and records of a law enforcement agency described in [NRS 442.774](#).

(b) Use the Maternal Mortality Review Information Application developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or, if that application ceases to exist, a similar application designated by the Director, to conduct reviews pursuant to paragraph (a).

(c) Within the limits of available resources, review incidents and trends in severe maternal morbidity in this State.

(d) Based on the reviews conducted pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (c), develop recommendations to prevent maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity and disseminate findings and recommendations to providers of health care, medical facilities, other interested persons and entities and the public.

(e) On or before April 1 of each year, compile and publish on an Internet website operated by the Department a report that consists of data concerning maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity in this State during the immediately preceding year. Such data must be aggregated and presented in a manner that does not allow for the identification of any person.

(f) On or before December 31 of each even-numbered year and in collaboration with the Chief Medical Officer, develop and submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature a report that includes, without limitation:

(1) A description of the incidents of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity reviewed pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (c), respectively, during the immediately preceding 24 months, provided in a manner that does not allow for the identification of any person;

(2) Plans for corrective action to reduce maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity in this State; and

(3) Recommendations for any legislation or other changes to policy to reduce maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity or otherwise improve the delivery of health care in this State.

2. As used in this section, “medical facility” has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 449.0151](#).

(Added to NRS by [2019, 42](#), effective January 1, 2020)

NRS 442.771 Authorized actions. [Effective January 1, 2020.] The Committee may take any action necessary to carry out its duties, including, without limitation:

1. Consulting with experts and other interested persons to ensure the data collected is of the highest quality;

2. Entering into a contract or other agreement with any person or entity, including, without limitation, a college or university to assist the Committee with its organization and meetings, to collect, analyze and disseminate information or to assist in carrying out any other duty of the Committee;

3. Establishing subcommittees consisting of members of the Committee; and

4. Employing such persons as it deems necessary to carry out its duties.

(Added to NRS by [2019, 43](#), effective January 1, 2020)

NRS 442.774 Access to certain information and records; meetings with certain entities; subpoenas; use of data; confidentiality of information and records; meetings closed to public. [Effective January 1, 2020.]

1. The Committee is entitled to access to:

(a) All final investigative information of law enforcement agencies regarding a maternal death or incident of severe maternal morbidity being investigated by the Committee for which the investigation by the law enforcement agency has been closed;

(b) Any autopsy and coroner’s investigative records relating to the death or incident;

(c) Any medical or mental health records of the mother;

(d) Any records of social and rehabilitative services or of any other social service agency which has provided services to the mother or the mother’s family; and

(e) Any other records determined by the Committee to be necessary to perform its duties, except for records of a law enforcement agency not described in paragraph (a).

2. The Committee may, if appropriate, meet and share information with:

(a) A multidisciplinary team to review the death of the victim of a crime that constitutes domestic violence organized or sponsored pursuant to [NRS 217.475](#); or

(b) The Committee on Domestic Violence appointed pursuant to [NRS 228.470](#).

3. The Committee may petition the district court for the issuance of, and the district court may issue, a subpoena to compel the production of any books, records or papers described in subsection 1 that are relevant to the cause of any death or incident of severe maternal morbidity being investigated by the Committee. Except as otherwise provided in [NRS 239.0115](#), any books, records or papers received by the Committee pursuant to the subpoena shall be deemed confidential and privileged and not subject to disclosure.

4. The Committee may use data collected concerning a maternal death or incident of severe maternal morbidity for the purpose of research or to prevent future maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity if the data is aggregated and does not allow for the identification of any person.

5. Except as otherwise provided in this section, information acquired by, and the records of, the Committee are confidential, are not public records, must not be disclosed, and are not subject to subpoena, discovery or introduction into evidence in any civil or criminal proceeding.

6. The meetings of the Committee are closed to the public.

(Added to NRS by [2019, 43](#), effective January 1, 2020)