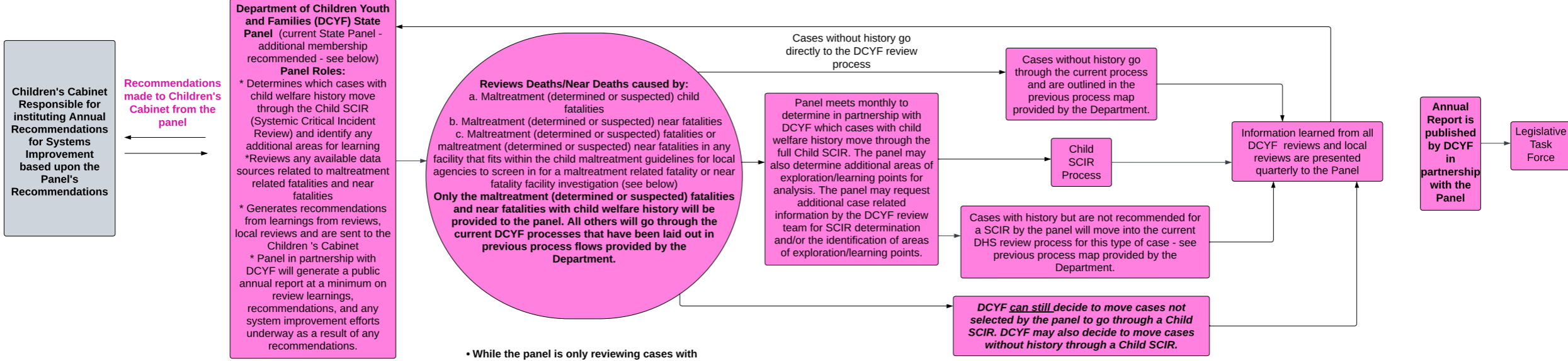


Draft Child Fatality Review Process For Discussion Purposes Only



Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF) State Panel (current State Panel - additional membership recommended - see below)
Panel Roles:
 * Determines which cases with child welfare history move through the Child SCIR (Systemic Critical Incident Review) and identify any additional areas for learning
 * Reviews any available data sources related to maltreatment related fatalities and near fatalities
 * Generates recommendations from learnings from reviews, local reviews and are sent to the Children's Cabinet
 * Panel in partnership with DCYF will generate a public annual report at a minimum on review learnings, recommendations, and any system improvement efforts underway as a result of any recommendations.

Reviews Deaths/Near Deaths caused by:
 a. Maltreatment (determined or suspected) child fatalities
 b. Maltreatment (determined or suspected) near fatalities
 c. Maltreatment (determined or suspected) fatalities or maltreatment (determined or suspected) near fatalities in any facility that fits within the child maltreatment guidelines for local agencies to screen in for a maltreatment related fatality or near fatality facility investigation (see below)
Only the maltreatment (determined or suspected) fatalities and near fatalities with child welfare history will be provided to the panel. All others will go through the current DCYF processes that have been laid out in previous process flows provided by the Department.

Panel meets monthly to determine in partnership with DCYF which cases with child welfare history move through the full Child SCIR. The panel may also determine additional areas of exploration/learning points for analysis. The panel may request additional case related information by the DCYF review team for SCIR determination and/or the identification of areas of exploration/learning points.

Cases without history go through the current process and are outlined in the previous process map provided by the Department.

Child SCIR Process

Information learned from all DCYF reviews and local reviews are presented quarterly to the Panel

Cases with history but are not recommended for a SCIR by the panel will move into the current DHS review process for this type of case - see previous process map provided by the Department.

DCYF can still decide to move cases not selected by the panel to go through a Child SCIR. DCYF may also decide to move cases without history through a Child SCIR.

Annual Report is published by DCYF in partnership with the Panel

Legislative Task Force

• While the panel is only reviewing cases with child welfare history, the panel will still be provided with information related to cases without history that go directly through the DCYF review process

In addition to the current State Panel, consideration should be given but not limited to the following partners for panel membership

- * Local Agencies
- * Judges/Courts/CJI
- * County Attorneys
- * GAL's
- * Ombudsman
- * Advocates
- * Other key private/non-profit organizations

Facility Investigations are conducted when allegations of maltreatment involve child foster care, including foster families licensed by Tribes, either currently or in the past (when an allegation involved a foster child), or in the process of being licensed, if children are in placement, family child care, or legally unlicensed child care. This also includes reports involving children served by an unlicensed personal care provider organization under Minnesota Statutes 256B.0659.

• Other types of facilities are investigated by other entities, including the Minnesota Departments of Education, Health, and Human Services. Facilities are held to a higher standard, as they are responsible for the care of children that are not their own.