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RE: AB 2083 (Chu): Interagency Child Death Review (Support)

Dear Dr. Smith:

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) voted at the CCLHO Board meeting on April 13, 2016 to take a Support recommendation on AB 2083 (Chu), a bill that would authorize the voluntary disclosure of specified information, including mental health records, criminal history information, and child abuse reports, by an individual or agency to an interagency child death review team. While current law restricts much of this information from disclosure, this bill would allow, but not require, agencies to disclose, orally or in writing, otherwise confidential information to an interagency child death review team.

CCLHO recommends a position of support for AB 2083 as interagency child death review teams can help local jurisdictions identify patterns and trends that result in harm to children and infants, and to develop strategies for prevention and mitigation. Current restrictions on information disclosure impact both the investigations conducted by interagency child death review team and the resulting strategies from these reviews.

As you are aware, CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Health Services (now the California Department of Public Health), other departments, boards, and commissions, as well as officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

This position of support for AB 2083 is consistent with CCLHO's strategic priority of taking a leadership role in the practice of public health and policy development. If you have any questions, please contact me at jberreman@ci.berkeley.ca.us or at 510-981-5301. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Dr. Janet Berreman

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