## ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CHILD FATALITY TEAM

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WHEREAS, due to the number of child fatalities, there is a need to review such incidences to determine the prevention of such fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana State Legislature, pursuant to IC 12-13-15 has provided for the creation of a Child Fatality Team.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of LaPorte County that a Child Fatality Team be and is hereby created as follows:

- 1. That Chapter II, Article V of the LaPorte County Code is amended to add Section 2-121, Child Fatality Team.
- 2. That a Child Fatality Team shall consist of the following members:
  - a. A coroner or deputy coroner from LaPorte County.
  - b. A representative from
    - (1) A medical health corporation as defined under IC 16-22-8-2 or
    - (2) From the LaPorte County Health Department
  - c. A Physician residing or practicing within LaPorte County.
  - d. A representative of one of LaPorte County's law enforcement agencies, whether county or city.
  - e. The director of the Office of Family and Children or the director's designee.
  - f. A representative of the LaPorte County's Prosecutor's Office.
  - g. A pathologist with forensic experience who practices in Indiana and who resides or practices within LaPorte County.
  - h. A representative from a fire department or volunteer fire department within LaPorte County.
  - i. A representative of a hospital located within LaPorte County.
  - j. A representative of a mental health provided providing services within LaPorte County.
  - k. A representative of the juvenile/probate court of LaPorte County.
  - 1. Such other representatives as requested and deemed appropriate by the local Child Fatality Team.
- 3. Such appointments shall be by the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners unless such appointment is made by virtue of the office held by the representative designated herein. All appointments shall be for a period of one (1) year except the initial appointments made be for more than one (1) year if this Ordinance takes effect prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the year in which it is adopted.
- 4. The Child Fatality Review Team shall have all the powers as specified in IC 12-13-15, (6) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) and (14).

5. This Ordinance shall take effect after its publication and passage as prescribed by law if required.

ADOPTED on this 3 day of November, 2003.

MARLOW HARMON, President

BILL HAGER, Vice President

CLAY TURNER, Member

ATTEST

KEN LAYTON, Auditor