135.110 Iowa domestic abuse death review team powers and duties.
1. The review team shall perform the following duties:
   a. Prepare a biennial report for the governor, supreme court, attorney general, and the
general assembly concerning the following subjects:
      (1) The causes and manner of domestic abuse deaths, including an analysis of factual
information obtained through review of domestic abuse death certificates and domestic abuse
death data, including patient records and other pertinent confidential and public information
concerning domestic abuse deaths.
      (2) The contributing factors of domestic abuse deaths.
      (3) Recommendations regarding the prevention of future domestic abuse deaths,
including actions to be taken by communities, based on an analysis of these contributing
factors.
   b. Advise and consult the agencies represented on the team and other state agencies
regarding program and regulatory changes that may prevent domestic abuse deaths.
   c. Develop protocols for domestic abuse death investigations and team review.
2. In performing duties pursuant to subsection 1, the review team shall review the
relationship between the decedent victim and the alleged or convicted perpetrator from the
point where the abuse allegedly began, until the domestic abuse death occurred, and shall
review all relevant documents pertaining to the relationship between the parties, including
but not limited to protective orders and dissolution, custody, and support agreements
and related court records, in order to ascertain whether a correlation exists between
certain events in the relationship and any escalation of abuse, and whether patterns can
be established regarding such events in relation to domestic abuse deaths in general. The
review team shall consider such conclusions in making recommendations pursuant to
subsection 1.
3. The team shall meet upon the call of the chairperson, upon the request of a state agency,
or as determined by a majority of the team.
4. The team shall annually elect a chairperson and other officers as deemed necessary by
the team.
5. The team may establish committees or panels to whom the team may assign some or
all of the team’s responsibilities.
6. Members of the team who are currently practicing attorneys or current employees of
the judicial branch of state government shall not participate in the following:
   a. An investigation by the team that involves a case in which the team member is presently
involved in the member’s professional capacity.
   b. Development of protocols by the team for domestic abuse death investigations and team
review.
   c. Development of regulatory changes related to domestic abuse deaths.

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