



Ohio Revised Code

Section 307.652 Members of domestic violence fatality review board.

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(A)(1) If a health commissioner establishes a domestic violence fatality review board as described in division (A) of section 307.651 of the Revised Code, the commissioner shall select the following to serve on the review board:

- (a) The county coroner or designee;
- (b) The chief of police of a police department in the county or the county sheriff or a designee of the chief or sheriff;
- (c) A public health official or designee;
- (d) The county prosecutor or designee;
- (e) The executive director of a public children services agency or designee;
- (f) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery with expertise in domestic violence;
- (g) An individual representing a domestic violence shelter or with expertise advocating for domestic violence victims;
- (h) An individual representing a domestic violence perpetrator treatment program;
- (i) A county corrections official or designee;
- (j) An individual representing school teachers, guidance counselors, or student health services staff;
- (k) An individual representing judges or court administrators.



(2) If a health commissioner establishes a domestic violence fatality review board as described in division (B) of section 307.651 of the Revised Code, the commissioner shall select the following to serve on the review board:

- (a) A county coroner or designee;
- (b) The chief of police of a police department or a sheriff or a designee of the chief or sheriff;
- (c) A public health official or designee;
- (d) A county prosecutor or designee;
- (e) The executive director of a public children services agency or designee;
- (f) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery with expertise in domestic violence;
- (g) An individual representing a domestic violence shelter or with experience advocating for domestic violence victims;
- (h) An individual representing a domestic violence perpetrator treatment program;
- (i) A county corrections official or designee;
- (j) An individual representing school teachers, guidance counselors, or student health services staff;
- (k) An individual representing judges or court administrators.

The members described in divisions (A)(2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (i), and (k) of this section shall be representatives from the most populous county served by the board.

(B) The majority of the members of a review board may invite additional members to serve on the



board. The additional members invited under this division shall serve for a period of time determined by a majority of the members described in division (A) of this section. Each additional member shall have the same authority, duties, and responsibilities as members described in division (A) of this section.

(C) If a member of a review board has a conflict of interest regarding a specific domestic violence fatality, the chairperson of the review board selected pursuant to section 307.653 of the Revised Code may select a substitute member to serve only during the review of that fatality. While serving, the substitute member shall have the same authority, duties, and responsibilities as members described in division (A) of this section.

(D) A vacancy in a domestic violence review board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. If the health commissioner who made the original appointment as described in division (A) of this section is no longer serving in that capacity, a successor of the commissioner shall fill the vacancy.

(E) A domestic violence fatality review board member shall not receive any compensation for, and shall not be paid for any expenses incurred pursuant to, fulfilling the member's duties on the board unless compensation for, or payment for expenses incurred pursuant to, those duties is received pursuant to a member's regular employment.

(F) No person shall serve as a member of a domestic violence fatality review board without signing a statement acknowledging the provisions of section 307.659 of the Revised Code.