BEST PRACTICE PRINCIPLES FOR AN EFFECTIVE REVIEW MODEL

The following tool we believe is helpful in determining if a proposed model for Domestic Violence Death Review Team reflects those best practice principles indicated in research and exist in many established DVDR Teams established in other jurisdictions.

1. **Team Membership**
   a. Is DVDR Team Membership Multi disciplinary   YES   NO
   b. Is DVDR Team Membership Multi Agency   YES   NO
   (Government & Non- Government Members)
   c. Is DVDR Team Membership diverse   YES   NO
   d. Is DVDR Team Membership inclusive   YES   NO

2. **Statutory Protections**
   a. Statutory protections for confidentiality in place YES   NO
   b. Compulsion to produce files, evidence   YES   NO
   c. Is there Immunity from prosecution   YES   NO
   (applies to team members)

3. **Does the Review process**
   a. Create a time line of events leading to fatality   YES   NO
   b. Convey a sense of movement   YES   NO
   c. Identify barriers and challenges encountered by
      i. Victim   YES   NO
      ii. Offender   YES   NO

4. **Accountability**
   a. Recommendations are linked to reporting   YES   NO
   b. Follow up mechanism on recommendations   YES   NO
   (relates to previous recommendations)
   c. Report is publicly available   YES   NO

5. **Accurate Data Collection**   YES   NO

6. **Research**
   a. Does DVDR Build on learnings from reviews   YES   NO
   b. Does research contribute to body of evidence   YES   NO

7. **Interdisciplinary Dialogue**
   a. The DVDR Team Reports generate
      i. Development of best practice   YES   NO
      ii. Improvement in practice   YES   NO

8. **Community Awareness**
   a. Does the DVDR Team reports inform & stimulate
      i. Education on domestic violence   YES   NO
      ii. Community awareness initiatives   YES   NO

An effective Best Practice Domestic Violence Death Review Team Model will fulfill all of the above criteria.