

Summary of Child Fatality Near Fatality External Review Panel meeting

July 22, 2013

Action Points

Motion made and passed to adopt SharePoint software plan for distributing and reviewing cases from CHFS.

CHFS to provide risk factor criteria definitions for families by the next meeting of the panel for review and further discussion.

Panel to gather pertinent summary information for the annual report by the September meeting.

Observations

For each case the panel reviews it would be helpful to know the caseload, training, background level of experience of a particular investigative team.

The panel needs to look closely at compliance with statutes regarding child fatality investigations.

There is a need for more education in hospitals related to head trauma. There is clear data that abusive head trauma and child abuse are being missed far more often than they should be.

Regarding infant deaths (particularly post natal infant deaths) after the first month of life at least 70% involve a co-sleeping risk factor which is preventable.

Cases discussed

FC-8, FC-7, FC-9, NFC-10