

CHILD FATALITY NEAR FATALITY EXTERNAL REVIEW PANEL
MEETING SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

- This meeting held at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Louisville in conjunction with the “Kids Are Worth It Conference”
- Memorandum of agreement with Univ. of Louisville to be in effect October 1, 2014.
- New Staff Attorney hired by Justice Cabinet assigned to the Panel, Kerry Holleran introduced to panel.
- Discussion of recommendation to drug test care-givers when a child dies suspiciously. Possibly develop a protocol for suspicious deaths that includes drug testing. Study how other states handle.
- Sandra Alexander with the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta addressed the panel and led discussion on Georgia’s fatality review team procedures.
- Discussion of open/closed juvenile court proceedings. Suggestion to include endorsement of open proceedings by the panel.
- Conflict of Interest statement reviewed by panel. This is strictly related to financial conflicts. If there are no suggestions to amend then it will be distributed to all members to complete next week.
- Case review tool being developed by that committee was presented by Dr. Currie. After suggested changes are incorporated it will also be uploaded into SharePoint.

Cases reviewed:

A. Group 1 (Burch, Corey, Currens, Jones)

- a. NF-71-13-C plenty of collateral interviews. Cultural issues & assumptions made about family. Differing opinions from social workers and Doctors on what occurred.
- b. F-28-13-C Medical neglect not substantiated. Need autopsy rpt. Loaded into SharePoint.

B. Group 2 (Currie, Crittenden, Denton, Goins, Mayfield)

- a. NF-72-13-C auto accident. Driver texting. 6 children in car. Driver charged w/6 counts wanton endangerment, yet neglect not established.
- b. F-20-13-NC (retrial) tabled to November meeting
- c. F-40-13-C Request domestic violence risk assessment

C. Group 3 (Griffith, Hall, James, Reid, McClanahan)

- a. NF-73-13-NC 4 month old with abusive head trauma.

b. F-41-13-C Impaired co-sleeping death of an infant. Out of compliance on court's part regarding timeliness. Thorough investigation.

D. **Group 4 (Oldham, Shepherd, Jeffries, Yates, Pittenger)**

a. NF-70-13-C 9 month old infant under care of 17 year old sister. Suspected jealousy. Put on life support but died 4 days later. Sentencing in October.