

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel

Summary of Case Reviews and Findings

March 14 and 15, 2016

Case Number Categorization	Determination	Risks that May Have Contributed to the Fatal/Near Fatal Event	Missed Opportunities/Case Notes
F-26-14-C Traumatic Asphyxia	Supervisory Neglect Apparently Accidental Clearly Preventable	Substance abuse caregiver Substitute caregiver at time of the event Criminal history caregiver Supervisional neglect	
F-30-14-NC Sudden Unexplained Death of an Infant	Neglect due to impaired caregiver Neglect due to unsafe sleep Apparently Accidental but Clearly Preventable	Impaired caregiver Unsafe sleep, bed sharing Substance abuse, caregiver Substance abuse in the home	
NF-30-14-C Abusive Head Trauma	Abusive Head Trauma, Medical Neglect	Mental health issue, caregiver Substance abuse in the home Family Violence	
NF-31-14-C Natural Causes, Medical Diagnosis	Medical Neglect	Medically fragile Medical neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Case Note:</i> General continuing education recommended including trauma informed care
NF-35-14-C Physical Abuse, Abusive Head Trauma, Failure to Thrive	Abusive Head Trauma Physical Abuse Torture Neglect Medical Neglect	Substance abuse, caregiver Substance abuse in the home Lack of treatment, mental health or substance abuse Lack of regular childcare Criminal history, caregiver Supervisional neglect Medical neglect Medical issues/management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bystander who observed child in cage but failed to report abuse • Medical office missed opportunity when providing care for broken arm
NF-46-14-C	Abusive Head Trauma Medical Neglect	Family Violence Medical neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infant's enlarged head circumference, forehead bruising should have been

Abusive Head Trauma			noticed and reported by physician who saw child
NF-48-14-C Overdose/Ingestion	Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly means	Unsafe access to deadly means	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jurisdictional issues/ law enforcement
NF-49-14-NC Abusive Head Trauma	Abusive Head Trauma Neglect Medical Neglect	Mental health issues, caregiver Substance abuse, caregiver – mother Cognitive disability, caregiver Criminal history, caregiver Medical issues/management DCBS issues (administrative: state to state communication) Neglectful Entrustment Family Violence Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Released from birth hospital at 3 days although infant was neonatal affected by substance abuse/no follow up medical care Bystander failure to report suspected abuse <i>Case note:</i> Detailed and thorough joint investigation by DCBS and LE
NF-51-14-C Overdose/Ingestion	Neglect Medical Neglect	Substitute caregiver at time of the event Supervisional neglect DCBS issues Judicial process Neglectful Entrustment Unsafe Access to Deadly Means	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judicial process and DCBS had multiple opportunities to intervene yet child was allowed to remain in home even though contrary to the welfare of the child
NF-55-14-C Overdose/Ingestion	Neglect Due to Impaired Caregiver Apparently Accidental but Clearly Preventable	Impaired caregiver Substance abuse, caregiver Judicial process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Court did not accept recommendations of CFCRB placing child back with parent even though DCBS had custody
NF-56-14-C Physical Abuse, Abusive Head Trauma	Abusive Head Trauma Physical Abuse	Substance abuse, caregiver Substance abuse in home Criminal History, caregiver Medical issues/management Medically fragile – Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Supervisory Neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Released from birth hospital at 3 days although infant was neonatal affected by substance abuse

NF-62-14-C Severe Malnutrition	Neglect Medical Neglect	Mental health issues, caregiver Substance Abuse, caregiver Criminal history in home Absence of support system for family Unstable housing Cognitive issues, caregiver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Case Note:</i> Good response by DCBS, took custody of child at hospital
NF-64-14-NC Natural Causes/Medical Diagnosis	Medical Neglect	Substance abuse, caregiver Medical issues/management Education system issues	
NF-65-14-NC Physical Abuse	Physical Abuse	Criminal history, caregiver Family Violence Substance Abuse in the home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Case Note:</i> Courts should not amend case down to dependency if abuse or neglect is present
NF-68-14-NC Physical Abuse, Abusive Head Trauma	Abusive Head Trauma Physical Abuse	Substitute caregiver at time of event Absence of support system for family Neglectful Entrustment	
F-01-15-C Sudden Unexplained Death of an Infant	Neglect due to unsafe sleep Apparently Accidental but Clearly Preventable	Unsafe sleep, bed sharing Substance abuse, caregiver	
F-02-15-C Sudden Unexplained Death of an Infant	Neglect impaired caregiver Neglect due to unsafe sleep	Impaired caregiver Unsafe sleep, bed sharing Substance abuse caregiver Lack of treatment – substance abuse Medical issues/management Medically fragile – Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome	

F-03-15-NC Sudden Unexplained Death of an Infant	Neglect due to unsafe sleep Apparently Accidental but Clearly Preventable	Unsafe sleep, bed sharing Substitute caregiver at time of event	
F-04-15-C Apparent Murder/Suicide	Physical abuse	Mental health issues, child Family Violence	
F-06-15-C Drowning	Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly means Apparently Accidental but Clearly Preventable	Unsafe access to deadly means	
F-08-15-NC Drowning	Supervisory Neglect Apparently Accidental but Clearly Preventable	Mental health issues, caregiver Perinatal depression, caregiver Unsafe access to deadly means Absence of family support	
F-10-15-NC Physical Abuse, Abusive Head Trauma, Sexual Abuse	Abusive Head Trauma Physical Abuse Torture Sexual Abuse	Mental health issues, caregiver Substitute caregiver at time of event Absence of support system for family Neglectful Entrustment Lack of Child Care Medical issues/management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency room did not report death to DCBS • Law Enforcement did not cooperate with DCBS/Social Worker not allowed to interview mother (DCBS did follow up)
F-20-15-C Blunt Force Trauma - Motor Vehicle Collision	Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly means Apparently Accidental but Clearly Preventable	Substance abuse, child Substance abuse in the home Criminal history, in home Supervisional Neglect Unsafe access to deadly means	
F-23-15-NC Gunshot-accidental	Supervisory Neglect Apparently Accidental but Clearly Preventable	Criminal history, in home Family Violence Unsafe access to deadly means Supervisional Neglect	

F-27-15-C Apparent Murder/Suicide	Physical Abuse	Mental health issues, caregiver Mental Health issues, child Absence of support system for family Family Violence Financial Issues	
NF-01-15-C Abusive Head Trauma	Abusive Head Trauma Supervisory Neglect Manner Undetermined Foul Play Not Ruled Out	Supervisional neglect	
NF-02-15-C Blunt Force Trauma - Other	Supervisory Neglect Manner Undetermined Foul Play Not Ruled Out	Substance abuse, caregiver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Case Note:</i> Early Joint Investigation DCBS/LE
NF-03-15-C Overdose/Ingestion	Supervisory Neglect	Mental health issues, child Substance abuse, child Criminal history, in home Supervisional neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible overworked Foster Mother who had reported being overwhelmed to DCBS • <i>Case note:</i> CHFS inability to audit Private Child Care – foster homes
NF-04-15-C Blunt Force Trauma – Motor Vehicle Collision	Neglect due to impaired caregiver Neglect due to inadequate/absent child restraint in a motor vehicle	Impaired caregiver Mental health issues, caregiver Substance abuse, caregiver Inadequate child safety restraint Supervisional neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bystander failure to intervene
NF-05-15-C Blunt Force Trauma – Motor Vehicle Collision	Neglect due to impaired caregiver Neglect due to inadequate/absent child restraint in a motor vehicle	Impaired caregiver Mental health issues, caregiver Substance abuse, caregiver Inadequate child safety restraint Supervisional neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bystander failure to intervene

NF-06-15-C	No Abuse or Neglect	Substance Abuse in the home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Case note:</i> Not a near fatal event
NF-07-15-C Overdose/Ingestion	Supervisory Neglect Apparently Accidental but Clearly Preventable	Unsafe access to deadly means	
NF-09-15-NC Blunt Force Trauma – Motor Vehicle Collision	No Abuse or Neglect Apparently Accidental Not Clearly Preventable		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Case Note:</i> Near fatality that later resulted in fatality
NF-13-15-NC Abusive Head Trauma	Abusive Head Trauma	Substitute caregiver at time of event	
NF-14-15-NC Natural Causes/Medical Diagnosis	Medical Neglect	Medical neglect	
NF-17-15-C Physical Abuse, Abusive Head Trauma	Abusive Head Trauma Physical Abuse Medical Neglect	Criminal history, caregiver Medical neglect	
NF-18-15-C Traumatic Asphyxia	Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly means	Unsafe access to deadly means	

NF-20-15-NC Blunt Force Trauma – Motor Vehicle Collision	Neglect due to impaired caregiver Apparently Accidental but Clearly Preventable	Impaired caregiver Substance abuse, caregiver Absence of support system for family Criminal history, caregiver and child	
NF-26-15-NC Physical Abuse, Abusive Head Trauma	Abusive Head Trauma Physical Abuse	Substitute caregiver at time of event Family Violence Neglectful Entrustment	