

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel

Summary of Case Reviews and Findings

May 16, 2016

Case Number Categorization	Determination	Risks that May Have Contributed to the Fatal/Near Fatal Event	Case Notes	Action Items
F-05-15-NC Abusive Head Trauma	Abusive Head Trauma Physical Abuse Medical Neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive disability, father • Education issues • Financial struggles • Mental health issues • Neglectful entrustment • Substance abuse, caregiver • Substitute caregiver at time of event • Unstable housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good coordination by law enforcement and coroner 	
F-07-15-C Physical Abuse	Physical Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family violence • Serial relationships • Substance abuse, caregiver • Substitute caregiver at time of event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCBS did not interview paramour • DCBS did not take custody of 4 month old sibling • No request to seek medical exam for sibling 	
F-14-15-C Unsafe Sleep	Pending review at next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCBS history • Family violence • Impaired caregiver • Substance abuse, caregiver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health assessment requested/not completed • Delayed investigation by DCBS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put on Agenda for July • Request birth records, Drug court records, toxicology screen • Request additional review by social work analyst
F-15-15-C Blunt Force Trauma – Motor Vehicle Collision	Neglect/Impaired Caregiver Neglect/Inadequate Child Restraint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal history • Impaired caregiver • Inadequate restraint • Mental health issues, caregiver • Substance abuse, caregiver 		

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NF-08-15-C Blunt Force Trauma – Motor Vehicle Collision	Neglect/Impaired Caregiver Neglect/Inadequate Restraint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive disability, caregiver • DCBS history • Family violence • Impaired caregiver • Inadequate restraint • Medically fragile • Substance abuse, caregiver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toxicology – positive for substances • Poor coordination between traffic enforcement and DCBS 	
NF-10-15-C Blunt Force Trauma – Motor Vehicle Collision	Neglect/Impaired Caregiver Neglect/Inadequate Child restraint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal history, caregiver • DCBS history • Impaired caregiver • Inadequate restraint • Incarceration history • Substance abuse in home • Substance abuse, caregiver 		
NF-16-15-NC Physical Abuse	Physical Abuse Torture Neglect/Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substitute caregiver at time of event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bystander called in report of abuse • Good DCBS/LE joint investigation 	
NF-19-15-NC	NO Abuse or Neglect		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court properly rejected Dependency, Neglect or Abuse Petition • Pediatrician handled case well 	
NF-24-15-NC	NO Abuse or Neglect			

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NF-25-15-C Overdose/Ingestion	Neglect/General Neglect/Impaired Caregiver Neglect/Unsafe Access to Deadly Means	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive disability, caregiver • DCBS history • Environmental neglect • Medically fragile • Neglectful entrustment • Substance abuse in home • Substance abuse, caregiver • Unsafe access to deadly means 		
NF-27-15-C Natural Causes/Medical Diagnosis	Neglect/General Neglect/Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive disability, caregiver • DCBS history • Family violence • Judicial process issues • Mental health issues, caregiver • Medically fragile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insufficient DCBS intervention/Five prior unsubstantiated medical neglect investigations 	
NF-29-15-NC Overdose/Ingestion	Neglect/Unsafe Access to Deadly Means	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substance abuse, caregiver • Unsafe access to deadly means 		
NF-30-15-NC Physical Abuse Burn	Physical Abuse Torture Neglect/Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical neglect • Neglectful entrustment • Serial relationships • Substance abuse, caregiver • Substitute caregiver at time of event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thorough DCBS/LE joint investigation • Emergency custody order denied by the court 	

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NF-31-15-NC Abusive Head Trauma Physical Abuse	Abusive Head Trauma Physical Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family violence Mental health issues, caregiver Neglectful entrustment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good DCBS/LE joint investigation 	
NF-32-15-NC Physical Abuse	Physical Abuse Neglect/General Neglect/Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal history, caregiver Family violence Mental health issues, caregiver Serial relationships Substance abuse, caregiver Unstable housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No drug testing at time of event Adjudication delayed in family court 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need Court Documents
NF-36-15-C	Not a Near Fatality			
NF-38-15-NC Physical Abuse			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAPTA Hearing Officer overturned restraint issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request law enforcement records
NF-40-15-C Natural Causes/Medical Diagnosis	Neglect/Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCBS history Impaired caregiver Medical neglect Mental health issues, caregiver Substance abuse, caregiver 		
NF-46-15-C Physical Abuse	Abusive Head Trauma Physical Abuse Neglect/General Neglect/Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cognitive disability, caregiver Criminal History DCBS history Neglectful entrustment Substance abuse, caregiver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good internal review by DCBS LE should have contacted DCBS 	

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NF-57-15-C	Neglect/General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive disability, caregiver • Criminal history, caregiver • DCBS history • Education/childcare issues • Evidence of Poor Bonding • Financial struggles • Medical neglect • Mental health issues 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request Family Preservation report