

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel

Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

MINUTES

Members Present: Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair; Commissioner Marta Miranda-Straub, Department for Community Based Services, CHFS; Hon. Dawn Blair, Assistant Hardin County Attorney; Dr. Jaime Pittenger Kirtley, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky; Dr. Henrietta Bada, Department of Public Health, CHFS; Dr. Christina Howard, Child Abuse Pediatrician, University of Kentucky, Betty Pennington, Family Resource and Youth Service Center; Dr. William Ralston, Chief Medical Examiner; Dr. Melissa Currie, Chief, Norton Children's Pediatric Protection Specialist, University of Louisville; Janice Bright, RN, State Child Fatality Review Team; Linnea Caldon, Citizen Foster Care Review Board; Lori Aldridge, Executive Director, Tri County CASA; Steve Shannon, Executive Director, KARP and Angela Yannelli, CEO, Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Welcome:

Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair

Judge Murphy welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed members this would be the final meeting for Linnea Caldon. Judge Murphy and members thanked Ms. Caldon for her years of service and dedication to the panel. Judge Murphy asked if anyone had any changes to the Minutes or Case Review Summaries, if not she'll entertain a motion. Dawn Blair made a motion to accept the Minutes and Case Review Summaries from the December 14th meeting. The motion was seconded by Lori Aldridge and the Minutes and Case Review Summaries will stand as submitted.

Culture of Safety Presentation

Casey Melsek, Collaborative Safety

Ms. Melsek explained the safety science and how it will be implemented in Kentucky's DCBS. She explained when you examine child welfare through the lens of the media, you notice the trends that emerge throughout the country. Headlines appear regarding budget cuts, followed by a high profile child death which results in public outrage, and terminations within the agency. The Culture of Safety encourages the department to conduct a deeper review and find the second story. The second story will help move the agency from blame to accountability. DCBS has developed a System Safety Review Process which the Panel will start reviewing in this year's case reviews.

LRC PRIC Responses

The LRC Program Review and Investigations Committee submitted questions to the Panel for their yearly evaluation. The questions were distributed to the members via email. Judge Murphy thanked Dr. Currie for drafting the initial responses. Several members had additional comments and corrections which have been incorporated. Hearing no other suggested changes staff will submit those to the LRC PRIC.

Annual Report Draft

Judge Murphy advised the members that the first draft of the annual report was emailed to everyone yesterday. Members were asked to submit their corrections and any additional comments to staff by Monday, January 25th in order to have the report finalized by February 1st.

Pending Cases:

NF-104-19-C – After speaking with the law enforcement agency, it appears there were communication issues between law enforcement and DCBS. Additional missed opportunities by the HANDS provider for failing to make a report and the judicial system for failing to conduct a meaningful review.

Case Review:

The following cases were reviewed by the Panel. A case summary of findings and recommendations are attached and made a part of these minutes.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Case #</u>	<u>Analyst</u>
1	F-013-20-C	Joel Griffith
2	F-018-20-C	Joel Griffith
3	F-023-20-C	Joel Griffith
4	F-024-20-C	Joel Griffith
1	F-030-20-C	Joel Griffith
2	F-035-20-C	Joel Griffith
2	F-036-20-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-006-20-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-018-20-NC	Joel Griffith
1	NF-042-20-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-047-20-C	Joel Griffith

Additional Discussion:

Overdose/Ingestion Discussion: Panel members discussed difficulties in trying to obtain criminal charges when a child ingest an illicit substance. Members discussed additional training for law enforcement and prosecutors may close that gap.

Meeting adjourned