

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel

Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

MINUTES

Members Present: Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair; Hon. Dawn Blair, Assistant Hardin County Attorney, Co-Chair; Lesa Dennis as proxy for Commissioner Marta Miranda-Straub, Department for Community Based Services, CHFS; Betty Pennington, Family Resource and Youth Service Center; Janice Bright, RN, State Child Fatality Review Team; Lori Aldridge, Executive Director, Tri County CASA; Isela Arras, Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Dr. Elizabeth Salt, Citizens Foster Care Review Board; Dr. Henrietta Bada, Department for Public Health; and Dr. Melissa Currie, Chief, Norton Children's Pediatric Protection Specialist, University of Louisville

Welcome:

Judge Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair

Judge Murphy welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Cindy Curtsinger as the new Pediatric Forensic Case Analyst. Cindy retired from the University of Louisville's Division of Forensic Medicine and previously worked with the panel as a case analyst. We are so glad to have her expertise back at the panel.

Judge Murphy gave a special thanks to Dawn Blair and Dr. Jaime Pittenger for conducting the 2 in 20 session for the Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky on Preventing Pediatric In-Home Injuries. Panel members were asked if they had any changes to the Minutes or Case Review Summaries from the June meeting. Dr. Salt made a motion to accept those minutes and it was seconded by Betty Pennington. Minutes and Case Review Summaries will stand as submitted.

Home Safety Committee

Joel Griffith

Panel staff has been working with KSPAN, a collaborative that focuses on injury prevention, to address in-home safety issues. The Committee was able to obtain funding to purchase trigger locks and medication lock boxes to distribute through community partners. If any panel members are interested in sharing with their community partners, please email Joel or Steve Sparrow. The Committee ask that community partners include a brief education pamphlet with the products upon distribution.

Pending Cases:

F-004-20-C – First Steps records were reviewed, and they did not report the home conditions to DCBS during their visit. In-Home Service Provider issues will be noted for this case.

F-005-20-NC - Law enforcement records were reviewed, and they noted concerns regarding substance abuse and unusual behavior at the scene. Due to no drug testing conducted at the time, law enforcement issues and statutory issues will be noted in this case.

F-027-20-C –Lucy Heskins with the Department of Public Advocacy was invited to review this case as an expert regarding the educational concerns previously discussed in this case. The child was on homebound

instructions for two years with no plan to return. There was evidence the child had some mental health issues that were never addressed. Education Issues will be noted in this case.

NF-091-20-C – Law enforcement records were reviewed, and a missed opportunity was noted.

NF-100-20-C – Review of PFM involvement, the case is noted as a near fatality in their system. However, the near fatal designation was inadvertently left out of the final report which resulted in DCBS not designating the case as a near fatality in their system. DCBS cannot go back and change the report but Dr. Currie is willing to submit an addendum to the report. DCBS will discuss internally and reach out to Dr. Currie for further discussion.

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-062-20-PH	Joel Griffith
2	NF-009-20-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-015-20-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-027-20-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-098-20-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-109-20-C	Joel Griffith
3	F-052-20-C	Cindy Curtsinger
4	NF-103-20-C	Joel Griffith
1	F-021-20-C	Joel Griffith
2	F-032-20-C	Joel Griffith

* NF-002-20-C will be reviewed during the August meeting

Additional Discussion:

Education Issues: How do we reach out to the schools and let them know this is a missed opportunity? The same could be applied to the missed opportunity with the First Steps provider. Dr. Bada suggested there needs to be more education regarding addressing mental health issues in the schools. Dr. Salt informed the panel the College of Nursing applied for a grant to educated school nurses on suicide prevention and awareness. Panel needs to have further discussion about how to notify specific service providers of missed opportunities.

Meeting adjourned