

**Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel**  
Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Judge Melissa Murphy, Chair; Lori Aldridge, Co-Chair, Tri County CASA; Dr. Lesa Dennis, Commissioner, Department for Community Based Services; Dr. Christina Howard, Child Abuse Pediatrician, University of Kentucky; Geoff Wilson, LCSW, Practicing Addiction Counselor; Janna Estep-Jordan, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky; Det. Jason Merlo, Kentucky State Police; Dr. William Ralston, Chief Office of the Medical Examiner; Dr. Elizabeth Salt, Citizen Foster Care Review Board; Heather McCarty; Family Resource and Youth Service Center; Hon. Olivia McCollum, Boone County Assistant Attorney; Dr. Danielle Anderson, MAT Provider; Rep. Samara Heavrin, House Representative; Steve Shannon, KARP, Inc.; Sen. Danny Carroll, State Senator; Dr. Henrietta Bada, Department for Public Health; Dr. William Lohr, Medical Director, CHFS; and Olivia Spradlin, ZeroV.

**Welcome and Introductions**

*Judge Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair*

Judge Murphy welcomed everyone to the November meeting of the Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel. We have a few introductions today. Logan McChesney, who is the new administrative staff through the Justice Cabinet. Thank you for being here. We also have our newest legislative member, Sen. Danny Carroll.

*Sen. Carroll* – I’m glad to be here. I haven’t been able to access the website yet, so forgive me that but I look forward to the discussions.

*Judge Murphy* – Thank you for being here. We have a pretty lengthy agenda today, which happens at the end of the year. Dr. Currie is not able to join us right now. We are going to push that pending case to the December meeting.

If everyone has had an opportunity to review the minutes and case review summaries from the October meeting, we will entertain a motion to approve. Dr. Salt made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Steve Shannon. With no objections, the October Minutes and Case Review Summaries are approved.

**Case Reviews:**

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

<b><u>Group</u></b>	<b><u>Case #</u></b>	<b><u>Analyst</u></b>
4	F-008-22-C	Cindy Curtsinger
2	NF-057-22-C	Cindy Curtsinger

1	F-034-22-C	Cindy Curtsinger
3	F-002-22-C	Joel Griffith
1	F-051/052-22-NC	Joel Griffith
2	F-059-22-PH	Joel Griffith
3	NF-006-22-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-021-22-NC	Joel Griffith
1	F-014-22-NC	Cindy Curtsinger
2	NF-114-22-C	Cindy Curtsinger
3	NF-110-22-C	Cindy Curtsinger
4	NF-081-22-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-144-22-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-069-22-NC	Joel Griffith
3	NF-043-22-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-140-22-NC	Joel Griffith
2	NF-038-22-NC	Joel Griffith
3	NF-019-22-NC	Joel Griffith

**Additional Discussion:**

Law enforcement accountability – How does the panel handle cases when there are law enforcement issues and ensure accountability? The panel collects data and makes recommendations to law enforcement training entities. The panel does not have authority to investigate specific entities. Perhaps we could refer particular cases to the AG’s office, KLEC, or the local prosecutor.

Additional discuss regarding applying penalties to the panel’s statute regarding entities failing to provide records.

CAN reports – The Cabinet should be responsible for notifying childcare facilities if their employees have received a substantiated CAN report. The Cabinet is discouraged from contacting an employer when it’s about a family situation. If an employee is found to have abused or neglected a child during their scope of employment, then the employer is notified. DCBS will update the panel on those requirements.

Potential recommendation – MAT providers and DCBS must be able to openly communicate about the families they serve.

Medical providers need additional training (or continuing education) on the symptoms of opioid ingestions and the administration of Narcan in children.

**Next meeting Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Meeting adjourned.**