

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

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Lori Aldridge, Co-Chair, Tri County CASA; Judge Libby Messer, Fayette County Family Court; Lesa Dennis, Commissioner, Department for Community Based Services; Detective Jason Merlo, Kentucky State Police; Brittany Nichols, State Child Fatality Review Team; Dr. Elizabeth Salt, Citizens Foster Care Review Board; Steve Shannon, Executive Director, KARP, Inc.; Isela Arras, ZeroV; Dr. Christina Howard, Child Abuse Pediatrician, University of Kentucky; Geoff Wilson, LCSW, Practicing Addiction Counselor; Dr. Jaime Kirtley, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky; Dr. Henrietta Bada, Department for Public Health; Mark Hammond, Kentucky Coroner’s Association; and Dr. William Ralston, Chief Office of the Medical Examiner.

**Welcome and Introductions**

*Lori Aldridge, Co-Chair*

Lori Aldridge welcomed everyone to the May meeting of the Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel. Everyone should have the Minutes and Case Review Summaries from the April meeting in their email. If everyone has had an opportunity to review those, we will entertain a motion. Steve Shannon made a motion to adopt the minutes and case review summaries which was seconded by Commissioner Dennis. With no objections, the April Minutes and Case Review Summaries stand as submitted.

We want to remind all panel members the June meeting will be held in-person at the Kentucky State Police Training Academy in Frankfort. Elisha will send an email with any additional details. Please let her know if you will be in attendance.

**Case Updates:**

Joel Griffith – NF-032-22-C – After reviewing additional records, it does not appear there was a missed opportunity by the medical community. Joel will send his updated summary to Dr. Salt for review regarding the Family Integrated Care Model.

NF-048-22-C – After reviewing law enforcement records, it appears the investigation was not thorough. The entire investigative record was nine sentences long with only one interview.

**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.

**Group**

**Case #**

**Analyst**

1	NF-132-22-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-142-22-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-095-22-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-125-22-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-124-22-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-120-22-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-097-22-C	Cindy Curtsinger
4	NF-101-22-C	Cindy Curtsinger
4	NF-118-22-C	Cindy Curtsinger
3	NF-104-22-C	Cindy Curtsinger
2	NF-119-22-C	Cindy Curtsinger
1	NF-088-22-C	Cindy Curtsinger
1	NF-107-22-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-016-22-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-102-22-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-085-22-NC	Joel Griffith
4	NF-072-22-C	Cindy Curtsinger

**Additional Discussion:**

**Meeting adjourned.**