

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel

Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

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Members Present: Hon. Benjamin Harrison, Chair; Commissioner Lesa Dennis, Department for Community Based Services; Dr. Christina Howard, Child Abuse Pediatrician, University of Kentucky; Hon. Olivia McCollum, Boone County Assistant Attorney; Steve Shannon, KARP, Inc.; Dr. Jaime Pittenger Kirtley, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky; Jan Bright, State Child Fatality Review Team; Olivia Spradlin, Policy: Leadership, ZeroV; Ashley Evans-Smith, Executive Director, CASA; Detective Jason Merlo, Kentucky State Police; Heather McCarty, Regional Program Manager, Family Resource and Youth Service Center; Dr. Henrietta Bada, Department for Public Health; Senator Danny Carroll, State Senate; Dr. Melissa Currie, Chief, Norton Children's Pediatric Protection Specialist; and Allison Motley-Crouch, LCSW

Welcome and Introductions

Hon. Benjamin Harrison, Chair

Chair Harrison welcomed everyone to the August panel meeting. Chair Harrison reminded members the October 15th meeting will be held in-person from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Clearpath Room at the Kentucky Chamber, 464 Chenault Road in Frankfort. Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky helped us secure that location and we're very thankful for their partnership. Lunch will be catered during the meeting. Please let Elisha know as soon as possible if you will not be attending.

Elisha had the official project kickoff meeting with COT the other day. That's good news and been a long time coming on our new database. Hopefully, we'll have more information to share on that project very soon. We're still working on scheduling a meeting with Senator Neal. Steve Shannon has been the point of contact on that, do you have any updates?

Steve Shannon: We're still trying to get a date. We've got a few but have not heard back from everybody on that yet. We are going to meet virtually now, so that should help.

Chair Harrison: That sounds good. I appreciate you working on that. Elisha has scheduled the Torture Task Force to meet on September 19th from 11 a.m. – noon.

Elisha: Everyone who volunteered to join that group should have received a calendar invite. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know and I'll add you to the group.

Chair Harrison: Final announcement is about the Kids Are Worth It Conference coming up on September 9th and 10th at Central Bank Center in Lexington. If you wish to attend and your employers are not covering the cost, the panel may be able to fund it. You will need to let her know as soon as possible. Does anyone have any additional announcements before we move on?

Hearing none, next thing on the agenda is the approval of the Minutes and Case Review Summaries from the July meeting. Steve Shannon made a motion to approve the July Minutes and Case Review Summaries, which was seconded by Commissioner Dennis. With no opposition, the Minutes and Case Review Summaries are approved as submitted. With no further business, we are ready to move on to case reviews.

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.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Case #</u>	<u>Analyst</u>
4	NF-052-23-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-026-23-NC	Joel Griffith
2	NF-010-23-NC	Joel Griffith
3	F-018-23-C	Joel Griffith
3	F-019-23-C	Joel Griffith
3	F-050-23-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-122-23-NC	Lori Aldridge
2	F-057-23-PH	Lori Aldridge
4	F-060-23-PH	Lori Aldridge
1	F-014-23-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-035-23-C	Joel Griffith
3	F-011-23-C	Joel Griffith
4	F-005-23-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-098-23-NC	Joel Griffith
2	NF-140-23-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-102-23-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-023-23-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-008-23-C	Joel Griffith

Additional Discussion:

Potential Recommendation:

Best practice protocol for EMS or local ED's regarding when to administer naloxone and when to conduct a drug screen. *Dr. Howard:* In prior years our trauma alert reds, which are those that are serious and unresponsive, it was automatic to do a drug screen on those that were 12 and older. Given the number of pediatric ingestions in recent years, it should be done on all age groups that present in trauma alert red. The utilization of Narcan may depend on where they were in the process of CPR, they may have thought it was too late. However, there should be a lower threshold on the administration of Narcan given the prevalence of fentanyl in KY.

Potential system improvements regarding how the Office of Medical Examiner notifies the coroner and law enforcement agencies regarding positive toxicology findings in pediatric cases.

A need to expand nontraditional hours for childcare throughout the state.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

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