

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

MINUTES

Members Present: Hon. Benjamin Harrison, Chair; Rep. Samara Heavrin, House of Representatives; Cliff Bryant as proxy for Commissioner Lesa Dennis, Department for Community Based Services; Judge Libby Messer, Fayette Family Court; Dr. Christina Howard, Child Abuse Pediatrician, University of Kentucky; Jan Bright, State Child Fatality Review Team; Dr. Elizabeth Salt, Citizen Foster Care Review Board; Detective Jason Merlo, Kentucky State Police; Heather McCarty, Regional Program Manager, Family Resource and Youth Service Center; Dr. Henrietta Bada, Department for Public Health; Dr. William Ralston, Chief Office of the Medical Examiner; Victoria Bengel, Executive Director, CASA; Steven Shannon, Executive Director, KARP and Olivia Spradlin, ZeroV.

Welcome and Introductions

Hon. Benjamin Harrison, Chair

Chair Harrison welcomed everyone to the January panel meeting and thanked them for conducting virtual reviews in order to finalize the remaining cases for SFY23. First item on the agenda is to approve the Minutes and Case Reviews from the December meeting. Motion to approve was made by Steve Shannon and seconded by Heather McCarty. With no objections, the Minutes and Case Review Summaries from the December meeting are approved as submitted.

Regarding the Annual report, staff hopes to have the rough draft to panel members by Thursday, January 23rd. Please be sure to submit any comments, edits, or questions back to Elisha by January 30th. They will incorporate all edits and plan to publish the report on January 31st. Seeing no additional business to discuss we begin 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>
3	F-003-24-NC	Jennifer Burke
1	F-006-24-NC	Jennifer Burke
4	F-001-24-C	Jennifer Burke
2	F-008-24-C	Jennifer Burke
3	F-010-24-C	Cynthia Hildebrandt
4	F-002-24-NC	Cynthia Hildebrandt
2	NF-002-24-NC	Cynthia Hildebrandt
1	NF-004-24-C	Cynthia Hildebrandt
3	NF-024-24-NC	Jennifer Burke

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NF-021-24-NC
F-005-24-NC
NF-011-24-NC

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Additional Discussion:

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Shannon and seconded by Judge Messer. With no objections meeting adjourned.

Next meeting Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

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