

Child Fatality Near Fatality External Review Panel

Meeting Summary

July 20, 2015

- Meeting held at Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence Association (KCAVA) in Frankfort
- Newest Forensic Medical Analyst introduced to the panel (Kim Millbranth) although Kim was unable to attend this meeting
- Kentucky State University Intern, La'Quida Smith was introduced as the student performing data analytics for the Panel, ensuring the current data tool is capturing all information from the previous versions utilized
- Kerry Holleran's last day working for the Justice Cabinet was announced to be July 23
- Jane and Burt Emke and Helen Deines were introduced as guests observing the Panel's proceedings representing the National Council for Jewish Women
- A spreadsheet detailing the status of the recommendations made in the Panel's 2014 annual report was updated with information provided by various panel members.
- May meeting minutes were approved by the panel.
- Kerry Holleran summarized recent contract activity related to hiring additional case analysts that will include those reviewing cases for the social work aspects.
- Final financial report was submitted by Tom Cannady summarizing expenses for FY 2015
- Panel members wishing to attend the *Kids Are Worth It Conference* September 14th & 15th at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Louisville should register on line at notify Tom Cannady when they have registered. Conference fees for panel attendees will be paid for through Justice Cabinet administrative personnel
- Justice Cabinet Legal Counsel, Kara Daniel announced that Lyn Guarnieri-Bruckner will begin work August 17 as counsel for the Panel essentially stepping into Kerry's role.
- Deputy Secretary, Vickie Wise advised the Panel to begin thinking how they view their role with the legislature and consider how to plan for the 2016 legislative session; She also encouraged the panel to begin the process of creating a set of governing bylaws

Cases Reviewed:

Group 1: (Burch, Corey, Currens, Jones, Johnson)

- **F-18-14-NC** 3 wk old; Dad hit the child's head on the counter; no safe-sleep education; AHT training to Mom but not Dad **Physical abuse and AHT**
- **NF-03-14-C** Infant; multiple fractures; denied inflicting trauma or that siblings were mean to the child; untreated postpartum depression of mother; no law enforcement records: **Physical abuse and AHT**

- **F-25-14-NC** Family watching TV/Napping; baby in room in crib w boppy pillow; Father awakened & found child not breathing; child taken to ER, family distraught; Suspicion mother abusing alcohol; she admitted to occasional use but abuse; sibling in foster care awaiting blood alcohol test results 4 ½ months: **Other - SUDI**

Group 2: (Adams, Currie, Crittenden, Goins, Mayfield, Taylor)

- **NF-26-14-C** Two year old presented lethargic; swallowed ½ dose; urine tox indicated methamphetamine; drug abuse both parents; at birth child showed signs of withdrawal; no safe-sleep or ABH training provided: **Supervisory neglect; Caregiver drug abuse**
- **NF-53-14-NC** Dad shook child in frustration; retinal hemorrhages; parents did not admit to domestic violence but clues indicated it existed; Dad had anger issues; both parents 19 years old; no law enforcement records: **AHT**
- **NF-16-14-C** Near fatality that became a fatality; Mom stated when she gave the baby a bath in the morning there was no bruising; *investigate if charges were filed on mom or dad:* **Physical Abuse and AHT**
- **NF-42-14-NC** 2 month old; mother reported child went limp during diaper change; baby presented to ER with bruising but no evaluation was performed or recommended; not necessarily a near fatality; unsubstantiated; no apparent life threatening event: **Other-unsubstantiated/remove from data pool and list in report**

Group 3: (Griffith, Hall, James, Reid, Nichols)

- **F-19-14-C** 9 month old died of asphyxiation; Guardian placed child in bed with another couple and their child; found wedged between wall and bed; 30 minutes of CPR; retinal hemorrhages from CPR; investigated by CPS – abuse suspected; *request Scott Co. DNA records:* **Other - unsafe sleep**
- **NF-67-14-NC** 2 month old; parents limited English skills; baby found face down on couch after being propped on a pillow; skull fractures; declared brain dead but mother refused to remove ventilator for 20 days; fatality substantiated on father: **AHT and physical Abuse**

Group 4: (Oldham, Shepherd, Jeffries, Grubbs, Pittenger)

- **NF-08-14-NC** 11 month old taken to Dr. for shots and nurses concerned that he was audibly wheezing; genital warts in baby's throat restricting breathing; Hesitant to take child to ER due to cost; **Medical neglect**
- **NF-21-14-NC** Pill ingestion; **Supervisory neglect**