

Child Fatality Near Fatality External Review Panel

Meeting Summary

September 14, 2015

- Meeting held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Louisville in conjunction with the “Kids Are Worth It Conference” sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky.
- Newest Forensic Medical Analysts introduced to the panel, (Karen Bremenkamp and Kristen Kilgore) they are the first Analysts to review the cases from a social work aspect.
- La’Quida Smith summarized progress on data collection and the current data tool used by the panel. Discussion followed by panel members indicating a need to further develop an understanding of what data needs to be collected and to what extent.
- Lyn Guarnieri-Bruckner with the Justice Cabinet was introduced as legal advisor to the Panel. She is fulfilling the role formerly held by Kerry Holleran. She began working for the Justice Cabinet August 17.
- 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.
- July meeting minutes were approved by the panel.
- Annual Report Committee formed including Dr. Ruth Shepherd and Dr. Melissa Currie. They will meet with Tom and Lyn to form a draft of the report to be submitted to the panel at the November meeting
- Financial report was submitted by Tom Cannady summarizing expenses for first 2 months of FY 2016
- Request For Proposal’s (RFP) for additional forensic medical analysts and social work analysts are being prepared. Tom will send a notice to panel members and current analysts when the RFP’s are posted.
- There was discussion of a draft letter to be sent on panel letterhead to hospital administrators regarding safe sleep and abusive head trauma.

Cases Reviewed:

- **F-20-14-NC** 13 yr old; previous reports of medical neglect; Mother off-putting to a variety of people interacting with the family; checking for internal review **substantiated medical neglect**
- **F-28-14-C, NF-47-14** Improperly restrained children involved in auto crash; mother intoxicated, non-prescribed Xanax; 6 yr. old near fatality restrained in back seat but questioned whether he should have been in a booster seat; Cabinet filed an emergency custody order but Judge dismissed **neglect due to impairment & lack of safety restraint**
- **NF-18-14, NF-20-14** 3 yr. old and 2 yr. old children; Concerns with developmental delay; CT revealed brain tumor – mother did not seek care; mother had significant relationship issues with

everyone (cognitive issues or untreated mental health issues); mother is also being medically neglected; internal review not in SharePoint (DCBS will upload) **medical neglect**