

Child Fatality Near Fatality External Review Panel

Meeting Summary
November 16, 2015

- Meeting held at Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Newest panel member introduced, Detective Sergeant Scott Lengle of Kentucky State Police Post 6
- September 14 meeting minutes approved by consensus
- Financial report submitted by Tom Cannady summarizing expenses through November 2015
- Request- For-Proposals (RFPs) for additional forensic medical analysts and social work analysts have been returned to Finance for approval. There were 3 bids for the social work analyst and 1 bid for the forensic medical analyst. [Tom to send bids to personnel committee reviewers for input on selection](#)
- Letter to hospital administrators regarding safe sleep and abusive head trauma was mailed October 28 to birthing hospitals
- [Staff to send summary of today's meeting this week to include any action points discussed](#)
- [Lyn Bruckner will modify the panel's legislative policy to reflect changes discussed](#)
- Need to determine law enforcement agencies that do not use electronic transmittal of records notification. [Tina Webb to send to justice staff a list of law enforcement agencies that currently utilize the electronic JC3. She will also send a triage case tool and compare DCBS criteria vs. national criteria. *Recommendation: Work to develop a model protocol of contacting DCBS before AND after the JC3*](#)
- [Dr. Ralston will verify with Vital Statistics regarding the number of child deaths occurring the past 5 years](#)
- [Recommendation: create a tighter process for screening reports, but needs further panel discussion – add to January agenda](#)
- [La'Quida to add a "burn" category to the data tool](#)
- [Lyn Bruckner to draft letter to the hospital that refused the examination DCBS requested involving case NF44](#)
- CHFS Secretary Audrey Haynes addressed the Panel and shared progress made on recommendations to their Cabinet from the 2014 annual report. [Panel to draft a formal request to Sec. Haynes requesting social worker case load figures](#)
- Panel agreed to review remaining cases on the agenda assigned to their work group and make a determination for each of those cases by Monday, November 23.
Cases Remaining to be reviewed per Group:
 - **GROUP 1** - F-29, NF-24, NF-40, NF-41, NF-49, NF-70
 - **GROUP 2** –NF-10, NF- 19, NF-27, NF-66
 - **GROUP 3** - NF- 17, NF-34, NF-38, NF-45, NF-54, NF-71
 - **GROUP 4** - NF- 24, NF-22, NF-32, NF-37, NF- 50, NF-63, NF-69
- [Staff to send updated email addresses to all panel members including work group assignment](#)
- Judge Crittenden requested the panel think of creating a vice chair position. [Joel Griffith nominated and will get back to the panel about accepting](#)

- Discussion to continue meeting on the 3rd Monday every other month. Next meeting January 25th. This discussion included the *recommendation to possibly hold a 2-3 day working meeting to review as many cases as possible by the panel in March. A sub committee was formed to work on the details. Members of that committee are Melissa Currie, Jenny Oldham and Joel Griffith. Judge Crittenden would like Maxine Reid to assist as well.* The regularly scheduled meeting would be Monday March 21.

Cases Reviewed:

F-21-14-C

23 month old in care of maternal grandmother and maternal step grandfather. Child gained access to illicit drugs. Child died from overdose ingestion.

Categorization: Overdose/ingestion

Panel Determination: supervisory neglect

Contributing Risks: impaired caregiver, substance abuse by parent and in home, unsafe access

F-22-14-C

2 month old found face down in bed with mother. Previous APS resource linkage in 2012

Categorization: positional asphyxia/suffocation

Panel Determination: supervisory neglect

Contributing Risks: impaired caregiver, mental health caregiver, substance abuse caregiver and in home, criminal history caregiver

F-23-14-C

8 year old child playing in the road stuck by a semi. Determined accidental. DCBS substantiated neglect.

Categorization: Blunt force trauma

Panel Determination: Supervisory neglect

Contributing Risks: supervisory neglect

F-24-14-C

2 year old found unresponsive on couch/daybed parents admit to rubbing oxycodone on child's gums.

Categorization: overdose/ingestion

Panel Determination: physical abuse (intentional act of giving illicit substance)

Contributing Risks: impaired caregiver, substance abuse, mental health issues, criminal history, medical neglect

F-27-14-C

2 year old child in care of boyfriend. Child reportedly was choking. Child was placed in shower where he was burned. Bruises on eyes three weeks prior to death

Categorization: Physical abuse/blunt force trauma with evidence of AHT and torture

Panel Determination: Physical abuse, AHT

Contributing Risks: substance abuse, substance abuse in the home, family violence, maternal history of paramours/DV

F-31-14-C

2 month old child unresponsive w maternal grandmother and paramour Per autopsy, "cause and manner of death undetermined."

Categorization: SUDI

Panel Determination: SUDI

Contributing Risks: impaired caregiver, unsafe sleep, bed sharing, criminal history, family violence, supervisory neglect

F-33-14-C

1 month old found unresponsive beside dad. Mom had placed child in bed with father after feeding

Categorization: SUDI

Panel Determination: SUDI, cosleeping

Contributing Risks: impaired caregiver, unsafe sleep, bedsharing

NF-07-14-C

Mother brought son to neighbors to "do drugs". Child ingested drain cleaner.

Categorization: Burn (chemical or other)

Panel Determination: Supervisory neglect

Contributing Risks: impaired caregiver, substance abuse, unsafe access to deadly means

NF-44-14-C

Family first came into attention of DCBS when children were born. Hospital reported. Panel referred this NF case of "second twin." First twin died earlier. First twin coroner ruled natural causes no autopsy performed. Second twin NF determined natural causes

Categorization: Natural causes/medical diagnosis

Panel Determination: Natural causes

Contributing Risks: mental health caregiver