

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel

111 Darby Shire Circle
Frankfort, Kentucky

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Minutes

Members Present: Judge Roger Crittenden, Chair; Joel Griffith, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky; Dr. Melissa Currie, University of Louisville Pediatric Forensic Medicine; Pam Cotton for Commissioner Adria Johnson, Department for Community Based Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS); Judge Paula Sherlock, Jefferson Family Court; Betty Pennington, Family Resource and Youth Service Centers, CHFS; Dr. Bill Ralston, State Medical Examiner; Sharon Currens, Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Dr. Joyce M. Robl, Division of Child and Maternal Health, Department for Public Health, CHFS; Dr. Henrietta Bada, Department for Public Health, CHFS; Liz Croney, KVC Behavioral Health; Stephanie Floyd, Graves County CASA; Steve Shannon, KARP, Inc.

General Discussion and Followup needed:

- Panel discussed budget request to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet for an allocated amount of \$420,000
- Panel members requested staff routinely order HANDs records when applicable
- Liz Croney will bring portable microphone system so that members may determine whether such a system would be sufficient for panel's future use
- Panel members discussed medically assisted treatment (MAT) programs for opioid addiction. MAT providers should implement standard guidelines for patients with children residing in the home. MAT providers should notify DCBS of failed drug screens if the Cabinet has an ongoing case with the family.
- Judge Sherlock will bring an example of a letter regarding courts working with medically assisted treatment clinics
- Liz Croney will bring notes regarding substance abuse treatment cases and 42 C.F.R. Part 2
- Panel discussed including all case findings and recommendations as part of the annual report

Case Review:

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>Analysts</u>
1	NF-042-16-C	Cynthia Curtsinger
2	NF-50-16-C	Ashley DeJarnette
3	NF-047-16-C	Emily Neal
4	NF-014-16-C	Emily Neal
1	NF-056-16-NC	Karen Bremenkamp
2	NF-037-16-C	Karen Bremenkamp
3	NF-032-16-C	Karen Bremenkamp
4	NF-30-16-C	Karen Bremenkamp
1	F-026-16-C	Karen Bremenkamp
1	NF-058-16C	Kindra Kilgore
2	NF-054-16-C	Kindra Kilgore
3	NF-044-16-C	Kindra Kilgore
4	F-023-16-NC	Kindra Kilgore

Items needing further study:

(Ongoing List)

- 1. Clarify the recommendation regarding impaired caregivers, unsafe sleep, and the importance of using a crib.** Panel members discussed the “baby box” program initiated in New Jersey. Discussion included consumer product safety concerns of the boxes currently manufactured in the United States: Handles on the box implying portability of the boxes; boxes manufactured with lids which may present suffocation risks, as well as other safety concerns such as flammability.
- 2. Collect data on homeschooling of children known to the child welfare agency.** Case review revealed parent(s) removing children from school upon reports to DCBS by the school regarding possible abuse by the parent(s).
- 3. Interstate collaboration.** Case review demonstrated a need for better interstate collaboration and communication.
- 4. Family Preservation Program.** Determine whether the FPP has been enacted into statute and whether Kentucky continues to operate under a Title IV-E waiver reported to expire in 2019.
- 5. Fire Arm Safety.** Track issue to determine whether recommendation(s) needed.
- 6. Tenure Data.** Request tenure and case load data from DCBS for FY16 cases.
- 7. Data Collection and Panel Determinations of the Risks Contributing to the Fatality and Near Fatality.** Further study is needed regarding how determinations are made regarding the risks involved in the cases.
- 8. Medically Assisted Treatment.** Determine issues surrounding patient waivers, safety coaching by providers to patients, and other issues associated treating patients with young children.