## **Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel**

Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence 111 Darby Shire Circle Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Monday, March 9, 2020

## **MINUTES**

Members Present: Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair, Hon. Dawn Blair, Assistant Hardin County Attorney; Dr. Melissa Currie, University of Louisville, Pediatric Forensic Medicine; Dr. Jaime Pittenger, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky; Deputy Commissioner Elizabeth Caywood, Department for Community Based Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS); Dr. Christina Howard, University of Kentucky, Department of Pediatrics; Judge Libby Messer, Fayette County Family Court Judge; Dr. William Ralston, Chief Medical Examiner; Dr. Henrietta Bada, Department of Public Health, CHFS; Steve Shannon, KARP; Shelley Wood, MSN, RN, State Child Fatality Review Team; Angela Yannelli, Executive Director, Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Lori Aldridge, Executive Director, Tri County CASA

#### Welcome:

Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair

Melissa Moore Murphy welcomed everyone to the meeting. Several members were unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts and have asked to be excused. Minutes and Case Review Summaries from the January meeting stand approved.

# **Pending Case Reviews:**

**F-40-19-PH** – Law enforcement issues

F-54 and F-71-19-PH – No law enforcement issues.

NF-34-19-C – Medical issues/management – lack of plan of safe care

**NF-57-19-C** – Medical issues/management – failure to report

NF-20-19-C – Judicial issues

PILLS Presentation Dr. Melissa Currie

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Currie presented the panel's overdose/ingestion data at the PILLS quarterly meeting. The PILLS committee is a meeting of all the healthcare regulatory boards (Board of Medical Licensure, Nursing, Pharmacy, etc.) and law enforcement agencies (KSP, DEA, KYOAG, LMPD, etc.). The committee was very engaged and interested in partnering with the panel on prevention efforts. The first step would be to draft an article for the Kentucky Board of Nurses and Kentucky Board of Medical Licensures newsletters. The article has been drafted and pending final approval. The committee agreed to distribute handouts to all prescribers as well and those will be created in the future.

Norton's Integration Dr. Melissa Currie

Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Department of Pediatrics at University of Louisville integrated with Norton Healthcare, including Norton Children's hospital, to create a new entity called Norton Children's Medical

Group. All of Norton's current outpatient pediatric offices are Norton's Children Medical Associates, which is not the same as the new entity created. The Justice Cabinet currently has a contract with the University of Louisville to provide the nurse analysts for the panel's case reviews and that contract should be absorbed by Norton's in July.

# **Data Tool Update**

### Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair

As requested at the previous panel meetings, the data tool has been updated to include the following categories: domestic violence, lack of sleep plan, out of state CPS history and overwhelmed caregiver.

#### **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>	Case #	<u>Analyst</u>
2	F-007-19-C	Joel Griffith
3	F-021-19-NC	Joel Griffith
4	F-032-19-C	Joel Griffith
1	F-035-19-NC	Joel Griffith
2	F-039-19-PH	Joel Griffith
3	F-041-19-PH	Joel Griffith
4	F-044-19-PH	Joel Griffith
1	F-004-19-NC	Cindy Curtsinger
1	F-045-19-PH	Cindy Curtsinger
2	F-047-19-PH	Cindy Curtsinger
3	F-050-19-PH	Cindy Curtsinger
4	NF-002-19-C	Cindy Curtsinger
1	NF-014-19-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-022-19-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-026-19-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-028-19-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-039-19-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-042-19-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-090-19-NC	Joel Griffith
2	NF-017-19-C	Cindy Curtsinger
4	NF-049-19-C	Cindy Curtsinger
1	NF-076-19-NC	Cindy Curtsinger
2	NF-085-19-C	Cindy Curtsinger
4	F-028-19-C	Cindy Curtsinger

#### **Additional Discussions:**

**Lack of Plan of Safe Care:** The panel would like to recommend the need for a plan of safe care for substance addicted families after they are released from the hospital. Often times the family is referred to the HANDS program. However, HANDS is voluntarily and a warm hand off to pediatricians does not happen consistently throughout the state.

**MAT Guidance:** Behavioral health should be able to give some guidance to MAT prescribers regarding the dosage given to pregnant women after delivery. There are changes in the metabolism and the blood volume decreases immediately after delivery and their dosage should be decreased.

**Statutory issues:** After several case reviews, the panel requested to add Statutory Issues to the database. The panel reviewed a case of medical neglect due to religious beliefs that resulted in a child's death. The panel reviewed a fatality where a child was able to sign themselves out of substance abuse treatment at the age of 16.

