

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel

Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

MINUTES

Members Present: Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair; Sen. Ralph Alvarado, Senate Health, Welfare, and Family Services Committee; Commissioner Marta Miranda-Straub, Department for Community Based Services, CHFS; Hon. Dawn Blair, Assistant Hardin County Attorney; Dr. Jaime Pittenger, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky; Dr. Christina Howard, University of Kentucky, Department of Pediatrics; Dr. Henrietta Bada, Department of Public Health, CHFS; Steve Shannon, Executive Director, KARP; Shelley Wood, RN, State Child Fatality Review Team; Angela Yannelli, Executive Director, Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Dr. Melissa Currie, Chief, Norton Children's Pediatric Protection Specialist, University of Louisville; Linnea Caldon, Citizen Foster Care Review Board, Lori Aldridge, Executive Director, Tri County CASA; and Detective Jason Merlo, Kentucky State Police

Welcome:

Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair

Judge Murphy welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for joining virtually. Judge Murphy advised the panel we are still awaiting appointments on several members from the Attorney General's Office. She encouraged members to make sure their agencies have submitted their three names and resumes as required. Judge Murphy introduced Detective Jason Merlo as the Kentucky State Police representative recently appointed to the panel.

Panel members reviewed and discussed updated proposed definitions. Dr. Currie suggested the panel adopt the same definition for torture used by child abuse pediatrics. The definition is at least two physical assaults (occurring over at least two incidents) or one extended assault which would cause prolonged physical pain, emotional distress, bodily injury or death, and when in the presence of two or more forms of psychological maltreatment (such as isolation, intimidation, emotional/psychological maltreatment, terrorizing, spurning or deprivation). Panel members voted to adopt that definition for torture. Panel members discussed the definition of traumatic asphyxia. The definition currently used by the panel is intense compression of the thoracic cavity which results in venous back-flow from the heart into the veins of the neck and brain. Panel members discussed if this definition encompasses suicide by hanging. Dr. Currie was under the impression positional asphyxia was compression of the chest resulting in a child not being able to breath but traumatic asphyxia could include hangings. The panel will defer this definition to Dr. Ralston. The panel discussed clearly defining the characteristic serial relationships. The characteristic is often gender bias and the number of partners or timeline is not clearly defined. Panel members will further discuss how to remove the terminology of serial relationships but still capture unsafe relationships with paramours rather.

Panel members discussed using Microsoft Teams as the virtual platform for future meetings. It was brought to the panel's attention that other members have tried that platform and experienced difficulties viewing all participants in the gallery view. Panel members will attempt to try another virtual platform for their upcoming meeting. Members were reminded the next meeting will be held on September 14th. If any

members are interested in attending the Kids Are Worth It! Conference, and require reimbursement from the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, please get your registration to Elisha before August 26th.

Minutes and Case Summaries were approved from the July meeting.

The panel decided to omit oral presentations for triage 3 cases in order to complete the case reviews for FY19. Triage 3 cases will be assigned to groups and panel members will be afforded the opportunity to ask any questions during the next meeting.

Pending Case Reviews:

NF-49-19-C – DCBS provided clarification

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>Analyst</u>
1	F-053-19-PH	Joel Griffith
2	F-022-19-NC	Joel Griffith
3	F-023-19-C	Joel Griffith
4	F-034-19-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-032-19-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-061-19-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-080-19-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-081-19-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-089-19-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-060-19-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-091-19-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-093-19-C	Joel Griffith

Meeting adjourned