# Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel Virtual Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2020

## **MINUTES**

Members Present: Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair; Commissioner Marta Miranda-Straub, Department for Community Based Services, CHFS; Hon. Dawn Blair, Assistant Hardin County Attorney; Dr. Jaime Pittenger Kirtley, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky; Dr. Henrietta Bada, Department of Public Health, CHFS; Steve Shannon, Executive Director, KARP; Janice Bright, RN, State Child Fatality Review Team; Angela Yannelli, Executive Director, Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Dr. Christina Howard, Child Abuse Pediatrician, University of Kentucky, Linnea Caldon, Citizen Foster Care Review Board, Lori Aldridge, Executive Director, Tri County CASA; Betty Pennington, Family Resource and Youth Service Center; Dr. William Ralston, Chief Medical Examiner; Detective Jason Merlo, Kentucky State Police, and Judge Libby Messer, Fayette Family Court

#### Welcome:

## Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair

Judge Murphy welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their time and continued service. Minutes, case reviews and summaries from the October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. Judge Murphy advised members that last week, she and panel staff met with representatives from the Attorney General's office to discuss recommendations and additional panel members. The AG's office is interested in ways they could support the panel and assist with implementing recommendations. The panel looks forward to the opportunity of partnering with them in the future on ways to prevent child fatalities and near fatalities across the Commonwealth.

#### **Pending Cases:**

**NF-037-19-NC** – Follow-up on medical records and gaps in services by DCBS. Missed opportunity identified regarding the County Attorney and PCP provider for failing to involve PFM.

**F-044-19-PH** – Law enforcement failed to contact CPS and lack of scene investigation. Coroner failed to contact CPS, lack of coordinated investigation. Add psychological autopsy to characteristics and statutory issue to allow coroner access to county of residency, not just county of death for investigative purposes. Add educational issues.

#### **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>
1	F-069-19-PH	Joel Griffith
2	NF-010-19-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-045-19-C	Joel Griffith

4	NF-088-19-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-066-19-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-003-19-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-079-19-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-083-19-C	Joel Griffith
1	F-016-19-NC	Joel Griffith
2	F-057-19-PH	Joel Griffith
3	NF-001-19-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-004-19-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-067-19-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-069-19-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-047-19-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-071-19-C	Joel Griffith

## **Additional Discussion:**

**Recommendations\Statutory Changes** – Panel members discussed creating an Action plan for their top priority recommendations and identifying the entity responsible for implementation.

# Meeting adjourned

