

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel

Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

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; Dr. Christina Howard, Child Abuse Pediatrician, University of Kentucky, Betty Pennington, Family Resource and Youth Service Center; Dr. William Ralston, Chief Medical Examiner; Janice Bright, RN, State Child Fatality Review Team; Lori Aldridge, Executive Director, Tri County CASA; Steve Shannon, Executive Director, KARP; Angela Yannelli, CEO, Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Shan Sears, Citizens Foster Care Review Board; and Dr. David Lohr, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

Welcome:

Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair

Judge Murphy welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining the meeting. Panel members were introduced to Courtney Short, the new nurse for the Child Fatality Review program with the Department of Public Health. Judge Murphy asked if anyone had any changes to the Agenda, Minutes or Case Review Summaries, if not she'll entertain a motion. Steve Shannon made a motion to accept the Minutes and Case Review Summaries from the February 16th meeting. The motion was seconded by Dawn Blair and the Minutes and Case Review Summaries will stand as submitted.

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>
3	F-009-20-C	Joel Griffith
1	F-028-20-NC	Joel Griffith
2	F-038-20-C	Joel Griffith
4	F-039-20-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-005-20-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-007-20-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-011-20-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-024-20-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-031-20-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-054-20-C	Joel Griffith
1	F-006-20-C	Joel Griffith
2	F-014-20-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-017-20-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-021-20-C	Joel Griffith

Additional Discussion:

COVID Related Issues – Dr. Howard discussed how anecdotally they have seen an increase in non-abusive head trauma fatal interactions, such as gun shot wounds and stabbings. There seems to be an increase in cases of parents flipping and resulting in extreme violence. Is this something the panel needs to consider tracking and if so, how? Is this due to overwhelming stressors as a result of the pandemic? DCBS has seen an increase of overwhelmed caregivers who are managing multiple kids, with loss of employment, housing instability, and food insecurity. DCBS expects the data will show the pandemic has been a contributing factor to the fatalities and near fatalities but it's too soon to tell at this time. The Panel should consider how they track not only the pandemic but racial trauma and the opioid pandemic. Perhaps we start documenting recent changes similar to UK. How ready is DCBS to handle individuals with homicidal and suicidal ideations? Steve Shannon noted that they are concerned about the effects on school personnel as well. The Panel agreed to continue this discussion in-depth at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned

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