

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

MINUTES

Members Present: Judge Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair; Lori Aldridge, Co-Chair, Executive Director, Tri County CASA; Judge Libby Messer, Fayette Family Court; Commissioner Marta Miranda-Straub, Department for Community Based Services; Janice Bright, State Child Fatality Review Team; Dr. Elizabeth Salt, Citizens Foster Care Review Board; Dr. Christina Howard, Child Abuse Pediatrician, University of Kentucky; Steve Shannon, Executive Director, KARP; Dr. Henrietta Bada, Department for Public Health; and Dr. Jaime Pittenger Kirtley, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky.

Welcome:

Judge Murphy, Chair

Judge Murphy welcomed everyone to the meeting. First item on the agenda is to approve the Minutes and Case Review Summaries from the June 21st hybrid meeting. With no changes, Jan Bright made a motion to approve and that was seconded by Dr. Bada. With no objections, the minutes and case review summaries from the June meeting stand as submitted.

Kids Are Worth It! Conference

Elisha Mahoney

Everyone should have received the early bird registration form for The Kids Are Worth It Conference, which is scheduled to be held in-person this year on September 12th – 13th at the Galt House in Louisville. If you are not a presenter or your employer is not covering conference fees, the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet will pay for panel members to attend. Please submit your early bird registration form to me as soon as possible. Reminder, the September meeting will now be held at the Galt House on September 13th from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. We are also working with a few panel members to conduct a training on child death scene investigations for the conference. If anyone is interested in participating in this training, please let me know.

Financial Update

Elisha Mahoney

During the last General Assembly, the panel was allocated a line-item budget of \$420,000. With these additional funds, we have requested an epidemiologist for the panel. This will be a part-time contracted position and the bid should be live now. We will keep the panel updated as this moves forward.

Pending Case:

F-052-20 – We have not discussed this case in over a year, but it involved a medically complex child whose caregiver failed to seek medical care despite worsening symptoms. The panel was concerned that the caregiver was a registered nurse in Kentucky. During the panel meeting, it was requested a new CPS

referral be made and a complaint be filed with the Kentucky Board of Nursing. The CPS referral was not accepted for investigation and the Board of Nursing stated there would be no action taken on the caregiver.

Dr. Howard: I think we did our due diligence in this case. We had a similar case that we reported, and their justification was the caregiver was not in a nursing role at that time and I'm wondering if they applied the same reasoning to this case.

Cindy: That may be the case. They declined to give me any justification for their findings, but I went through several investigators with this case.

Lucy Heskins: Part of our role at Protection and Advocacy is to provide oversight to investigative agencies regarding patients with disabilities. I can take this as a referral if the panel would like?

Steve Shannon made a motion to refer this case to P&A which was seconded by Commissioner Marta Miranda-Straub.

Case Reviews:

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	NF-032-21-NC	Cindy Curtsinger
2	NF-024-21-C	Cindy Curtsinger
3	NF-130-21-C	Cindy Curtsinger
4	NF-038-21-NC	Cindy Curtsinger
1	NF-051-21-C	Cindy Curtsinger
2	NF-079-21-NC	Cindy Curtsinger
3	NF-104-21-C	Cindy Curtsinger
4	NF-100-21-C	Cindy Curtsinger
4	F-043-21-C	Joel Griffith
3	F-048-21-C	Joel Griffith
1	F-049-21-C	Joel Griffith
2	F-066-21-PH	Joel Griffith
1	NF-077-21-C	Cindy Curtsinger
2	NF-115-21-C	Cindy Curtsinger
3	NF-134-21-NC	Cindy Curtsinger

Meeting adjourned.