



**Infant Mortality Review Committee
Meeting Minutes/Held Via Secure Teams
November 6, 2024**

Members in attendance

Deanna Nardella, MD, Co-Chair
Shayna LaFlam, RN, Co-Chair, CT DPH
Greg Vincent, MD, OCME
Nicole Taylor, MD, CT DCF
Julia Rosenberg, MD
Brooke Redmond, MD
Setul Pardanani, MD
Linda Barry, Associate Director, UConn Health Disparity Institute
Alyssa Weiss, APRN, CCMC
Laura Caneira, APRN, CCMC
Jazmin Johnson, APRN, CT DSS
Laurie Audette, CT OEC
Brendan Burke, CT OCA
Kimberly Karanda, Ph.D., LCSW, Section Chief, DMHAS
Millie Seguinot, CHW, Executive Director, Community Health Workers Association / Adjunct Professor at Gateway CC
Kathy Britos, APRN, CT DPH
Lisa Budris, Epidemiologist, CT DPH
Jennifer Squires, HPA 2, CT DPH

Members Excused

Kelly-Ann Frank, LCSW
Paul Gacek, MPH, CT DPH

Virtual Packet

Meeting Agenda

Discussion

Shayna LaFlam welcomed everyone to the first Connecticut Infant Mortality Review Committee (IMRC) meeting. Members introduced themselves as well as their respective roles. Dr. Nardella presented on the background of the Infant Mortality Review Program and infant mortality in CT, as well as explained that this committee doesn't have the capacity to look at every death. The focus, at this time, is on 0-3 months of age going forward. The Confidentiality form was discussed, asking those who haven't signed the form, to do so before the next meeting. The IMRC's mission, purpose and objectives were presented, in addition to the meeting structure overview and Executive Session. Shayna presented Teams meeting etiquette and ground rules while in the non-public Executive Session of the IMRC meetings, as well as IMRC ground rules. She also discussed the general IMRC structure and flow of events. Case Review Team presented, which comprises of a member from each of the listed organizations, per state statute. Presented data that will be used to inform the committee's review. Case review structure explained. DPH staff will be collaborating with the Office of Child Advocate in case selection and both data collection/recording in the National Fatality Review System.

The proposed schedule of meetings for 2024 and 2025 were presented. Polling and chat votes were collected to determine which dates work best for the committee. Future meeting dates are as follows: December 4, 2024, January 8, 2025, February 5, 2025, March 5, 2025, April 2, 2025, May 7, 2025, June 4, 2025, July 2, 2025, August 6, 2025, September 3, 2025, October 1, 2025, November 5, 2025, and December 2, 2025. Dr. Nardella asked for public comments, however, there was no one from the public in attendance at the meeting. Dr. Vincent, OCME, stated that there are a few different SUID acronyms and wanted to ensure we weren't interpreting OCME reports incorrectly. Brendan Burke, OCA, explained that this committee is a complement to a system that is already happening, meaning that the OCA has a mandate to report out on ALL fatalities.

The committee will receive documents after the meeting, including the SUID algorithm, IMRC scope, mission, and goals, and IMRC policies and procedures. Also, three key websites the committee utilizes to check information were presented: CT DPH IMR, National Fetal and Infant Fatality Review, and OCA report. Dr. Nardella stated that the recording for this meeting will be posted online. Brendan Burke, OCA, clarified that the OCME will determine cause/manner of death, which at times will be SUID. The OCME will in fact determine the cause and the committee will review the findings. There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting length: 42:22.

Executive Session

No Executive Session

Old business/ Reoccurring items

N/A

New Business

Meeting Recording

[Infant Mortality Review Committee Meeting-20241106_173310-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Deanna Nardella, MD.

Next meeting

December 4, 2024, at 5:30 pm