



**Child Fatality Review Panel
Meeting Minutes/Held Via Secure Teams
August 24,2022**

Members

Kirsten Bechtel, Co-Chair, Pediatrician, Yale New Haven Hospital
Sarah Eagan, Office of the Child Advocate
Brett Salafia, Assistant States Attorney
Angela Jimenez, Department of Public Health
Ted Rosenkrantz, UCONN Health Center
Ken Mysogland, Department of Children and Families
Andrea Barton Reeves, Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Authority
Gregory Vincent, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
TJ Michalski, Village for Families and Children
SGT. Christine Jeltema, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
Tonya Johnson CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Pina Violano, Community Health, Healthcare Consultants, LLC
Liz Corley, Clifford Beers

Excused

Steven Rogers, Injury Prevention, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
Michael Soltis, Pediatrician, Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Guests

Kimberly Karanda DHMAS
Tasha Hunt, CSSD
Rosemary Wieworka, DCF
Jaclyn Meserole, OCME
Sonali Bhalockar YNHH Fellow

OCA Staff

Brendan Burke
Lucy Orellano

Minutes

A motion was made by to approve the minutes Brett Salafia for June 22,2022. A second to the motion was made by Ted Rosenkrantz. Vote taken to approve-All in favor. Abstentions- Pina Violano

Virtual Packet:

Meeting Agenda
June 22, 2022, Draft Minutes

DCF's Qualitative Review Process- Presented by Ken Mysogland and Rosemary Wieworka

- QR process is a way to honor the life of a child that left us so soon, review process is completed within one day of fatality being reported to the department for a family that has DCF history.
- Team convened of all agencies involved and other stakeholders, records are reviewed, and a case conference is held, DCF operates under a safe and sound culture.
- Safe and sound process, not focused on placing blame but on “what did we know at the time and how were our decisions made”. If there are glaring absences in judgment, then HR can address that. Safe and sound makes everyone equal in the discussion.
- Once complete the case review is taken to the agency heads and stakeholders based on consistent themes found due during the review. Training is put together to address trends.
- DCF strives for transparency while upholding their statutory responsibilities. DCF and OCA meet to discuss situations the child advocate should know about.

Member Updates-

There was a gun buyback event in Hamden. This a no ID no questions asked event. Most firearms collected were turned into gardening tools and given to local gardens, some jewelry was also made. These events have been happening for 12 years and are meant to not only get guns off the streets but to curb gun violence by encouraging life making instead of life taking. During these events there is information given to gun owners about safe storage, gun locks are also provided if needed. In CT there has been a new committee established to investigate the causes and prevention of gun violence.

[Denver Broncos Team Up for Gun Buyback Event In Aurora - CBS Colorado \(cbsnews.com\)](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/denver-broncos-gun-buyback-event-aurora/)

The OCA is taking part in a pilot program for the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention, that is looking at children who die by drowning. On average there are 3-6 child/ teenage drownings in CT per year. Panel members discussed the lack of free-swimming lessons in under privileged communities. Town pools that sit unused for most of the year could be used by public schools to teach children how to swim. New Haven has a LEAP program. Panel members were asked to send any free swim lessons resources to CFRP Co-Chair.

[Drowning Case Registry – The National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention \(ncfrp.org\)](https://www.ncfrp.org/drowning-case-registry)

No executive Session

Legislative Update-

Will be provided by the OCA via email.

Old Business

OCA's Annual report will be released soon.

New Business

Next meeting- September 28, 2022-Microsoft Teams invite sent out.

Adjourn- Motion to Adjourn made by Pina Violano and seconded by Ted Rosenkrantz.