



**Child Fatality Review Panel
Meeting Minutes/Held Via Secure Zoom
February 23, 2022**

Members

Kirsten Bechtel, Co-Chair, Pediatrician, Yale New Haven Hospital
Faith Vos Winkel, Office of the Child Advocate
Kai Belton, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence
TJ Michalski, Village for Families and Children
Steven Rogers, Injury Prevention, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
Brett Salafia, Assistant States Attorney
Pina Violano, Community Health, Healthcare Consultants, LLC
Rosemary Wieworka, Department of Children and Families
Michael Soltis, Pediatrician, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
Andrea Barton Reeves, Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Authority

Excused

Angela Jimenez, Department of Public Health
Ted Rosenkrantz, UCONN Health Center
Seth Mancini, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
Gregory Vincent, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Sarah Eagan, Office of the Child Advocate, Co-Chair

Vacant

Law Enforcement
Psychologist

Guests

Kimberly Karanda, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Laura Amenta, Prevent Child Abuse CT
Maria Cruz, OCA

OCA Staff

Brenden Burke
Lucy Orellano

Minutes

A motion was made by Pina Violano, to approve the minutes for January 26, 2022.
A second to the motion was made by TJ Michalski. Abstentions- None

Virtual Packet

✓ Meeting Agenda

✓ January 26, 2021, Draft Minutes

Substance Exposure

OCA testified in support of H.B No 5155, which is an act concerning the safe storage of cannabis, cannabis products and prescription drugs. The bill is gaining support from various CFRP stakeholders. A few panel members attended the CT Alcohol and Drug Policy Council (ADPC) this week. There are discussions and information sharing happening at the subcommittee level with regards to safe storage. Children were impacted by legalization and there is misinformation about that impact, therefore CFRP will release a white paper with facts about ingestion and resources for parents. In response to substance exposed infants, DHMAS will work with Beacon to create an access line for mothers with a perinatal counselor, extending Access mental health for kids to mothers.

Executive Session-2021 Case Review Update

Motion to go in made by Andrea Barton Reeves and seconded by Pina Violano.

Motion to go out of executive session made by Pina Violano and seconded by Andrea Barton Reeves.

Legislative Update-

Various panel members have been and will be testifying in support of bills that pertain to child safety, children's mental health and juvenile justice. Please see attached testimony for bill information. Legislative updates will continue to be provided by the OCA.



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[STATE OF CT/ DHMAS Legislative update #1](#)

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New Business

Connecticut Perinatal Quality Collaborative area of focus this year will be Safe Sleep.

Old Business

- ✓ A white paper for Fentanyl was revisited.
- ✓ PRAMS presentation has been rescheduled.
- ✓ Due to an increased number of teen deaths, reconvening the firearm fatality sub-committee was suggested.

Next meeting- March 23, 2022

Adjournment- Motion to adjourn made by Andrea Barton Reeves and seconded by Pina Violano.