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Child Fatality Review Panel Meeting Minutes/Held Via Secure Zoom January 26, 2022

Members

Kirsten Bechtel, Co-Chair, Pediatrician, Yale New Haven Hospital
Tonya Johnson, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Sarah Eagan, Office of the Child Advocate, Co-Chair
TJ Michalski, Village for Families and Children
Steven Rogers, Injury Prevention, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
Brett Salafia, Assistant States Attorney
Gregory Vincent, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Pina Violano, Community Health, Healthcare Consultants, LLC
Rose Wieworka, Department of Children and Families
Michael Soltis, Pediatrician, Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Excused

Andrea Barton Reeves, Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Authority
Angela Jimenez, Department of Public Health
Ted Rosenkrantz, UCONN Health Center
Seth Mancini, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection

Vacant

Law Enforcement
Psychologist

Guests

Erin Mulhern, Department of Public Health
Kimberly Karanda, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Tasha Hunt, Court Support Services Division
Laura Amenta, Prevent Child Abuse CT

OCA Staff

Faith Vos Winkel

Minutes

Minutes-A motion was made by Pina Violano, to approve the minutes for December 16, 2021.
A second to the motion was made by TJ Michalski. Abstentions- Mike Soltis

Virtual Packet

- ✓ Meeting Agenda
- ✓ December 16, 2021, Draft Minutes

Presentation

Erin Mulhern, Epidemiologist with the Department of Public Health, Suicide Syndromic Surveillance Unit. Erin provided a comprehensive overview of data related to suicide ideation and suicide attempts of children and adolescents from 2019-2021 with some data so far in 2022. Syndromic Surveillance is public health monitoring system that has real-time data from all 38 emergency departments. Surveillance data can be used to detect specific health outbreaks and it is used at the federal, state and local department of health level.

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Information captured include demographic information, discharge ICD-10 Codes, disposition chief complaint and triage notes. The database is kept in Epicenter. See Power Point Presentation for specific data points. CFRP members were invited to receive a monthly newsletter on suicide syndromic surveillance and those members names will be forwarded to Erin Mulhern.



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Drowning Initiative

The National Center for Child Fatality Review and Prevention has selected Connecticut as one the demonstration states to pilot a expanded death scene investigation tool for drowning. There is a good deal attention nationally about developing a more comprehensive drowning prevention initiative and understanding more fully how children are dying in this way will lead to national recommendations.

Substance Exposure

With ingestions (THC/Cannabis) being up 200% and the concerns for the continued exposure of children to edibles

OCA/CFRP are working to address this on a systemic level. OCA has reached out to State Commissioners and the Governor's office about the concerns for children and ingestion of various drugs including Fentanyl. On February 15, 2022, Dr. Bechtel and Sarah will be presentation to the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council.

Member Update(s)

Pina Violano provide a brief summary overview of the Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Advisory Committee –Report Final (attached)



12-30-2021 GVIPAC
Complete Report Sub

New Business

None.

Old Business

The ingestion public health alert is being edited by Yale colleagues.

Next meeting- February 23, 2022

Adjournment-Motion to adjourned made by Pina Violano and seconded by Brett Salafia. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.