



**Child Fatality Review Panel  
Meeting Minutes/Held Via Secure Teams  
June 22, 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  
Michael Soltis, Pediatrician, Connecticut Children's Medical Center  
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  
Christine Jeltema, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection

**Excused**

Pina Violano, Community Health, Healthcare Consultants, LLC  
Kai Belton, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Steven Rogers, Injury Prevention, Connecticut Children's Medical Center

**Guests**

Kimberly Karanda DHMAS  
Tasha Hunt, CSSD  
Rosemary Wieworka, DCF  
Jaclyn Meserole, OCME

**OCA Staff**

Brendan Burke  
Lucy Orellano

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Andrea Barton Reeves to approve the minutes for May 25, 2022. A second to the motion was made by Brett Salafia . Vote taken to approve-All in favor. Abstentions- None

**Virtual Packet:**

Meeting Agenda  
May 25, 2022, Draft Minutes

[Sleep-Related Infant Deaths: Updated 2022 Recommendations for Reducing Infant Deaths in the Sleep Environment | Pediatrics | American Academy of Pediatrics \(aap.org\)](#)

**CFRP Retreat – planning for the upcoming year-**

**Infant/Toddler-** The OCA is currently working on an Infant Toddler Fatality report which will focus on systemic issues. Data will be collected from different state systems involved with pregnant and new parents to focus interventions and messaging. Current data shows that birth hospitals could be an area where more robust messaging can be provided to parents. Prenatal discussions should also be happening, trying to understand the motives for bed sharing and who is involved in these conversations. How are parental beliefs addressed, are there possible harm reduction strategies/ safe bedsharing? How is the system teaching strategies to avoid unsafe sleep environments and presenting alternatives? Possibly using the voice of lived experience, asking parents for their permission to share their story. Feedback loop has been discussed with CHA to inform respective hospitals of children that have passed due to unsafe sleep environments, so that they can look at their systems and communications.

**Homicides-** Two main age groups, those under 8 years of age and those 13 and older. Who do we partner with to share our review information to move the needle, with regards to public policy? Possible connections can be made with religious institutions, community agencies and private foundations. Some municipalities are currently working on prevention and there are hospital violence interruption programs at Yale and Hartford. Looking at what causes these young men to pick up firearms in the first place may be a good start. Some teens carry guns for their own safety, once released from detention they go back to the same neighborhood they lived in before. In Hartford there may be ARPA dollars that can towards prevention since there is a significant gun violence issue in the county. Partnering with the SDE to help with school messaging.

**Suicides-** Most kids will communicate their intent/ ideation, how does CFRP help inform the public on what to do with that information. Lots happening with teen suicides, MH bill in CT will help get kids in crisis the help they need. Absence of systems to complete a deeper review/investigation to understand the circumstances around youth suicide.

**Ingestion-** Data is currently being collected on ingestions of newly legalized substances. PHA's were discussed. OCA has had conversations with DPH regarding the safe storage, packaging and marketing of marijuana given the new upcoming legal sales.

**Projects for the upcoming year**

Infant and Toddler Fatality Report  
Public Health Announcements

**No executive Session-**

**Legislative Update-**

Will be provided by the OCA via email.

**Old Business**

Scheduled presentation by DCF on DCF SQR Process, has been moved to August 24,2022.

**Next meeting-** August 24, 2022-Microsoft Teams invite sent out.