



**Child Fatality Review Panel  
Meeting Minutes/Held Via Secure Zoom  
May 25, 2022**

**Members**

Kirsten Bechtel, Co-Chair, Pediatrician, Yale New Haven Hospital  
Sarah Eagan, Office of the Child Advocate  
Brett Salafia, Assistant States Attorney  
Pina Violano, Community Health, Healthcare Consultants, LLC  
Angela Jimenez, Department of Public Health  
Ted Rosenkrantz, UCONN Health Center  
Ken Mysogland, Department of Children and Families  
Kai Belton, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
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  
Steven Rogers, Injury Prevention, Connecticut Children's Medical Center

**Excused**

Seth Mancini, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection

**Vacant**

Law Enforcement  
Psychologist

**Guests**

Krystal Rich, CCA  
Shaheen Andreas, Pediatric Fellow  
Kimberly Karanda DHMAS  
Tasha Hunt, CSSD  
Rosemary Wieworka, DCF  
Sapna Desai, OCME Fellow

**OCA Staff**

Brendan Burke  
Lucy Orellano

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Brett Salafia to approve the minutes for April 27, 2022. A second to the motion was made by Michael Soltis. Vote taken to approve-All in favor. Abstentions- None

## **Virtual Packet**

Meeting Agenda  
SC-Safe-Sleep Initiative .pdf  
Case Chart

April 27, 2022, Draft Minutes  
Safe Sleep Bio precursor article

## **New Business/Discussion-**

In lieu of the scheduled agenda items, panel members were given the space to discuss the recent school shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas where 19 children and 2 teachers were killed. The Texas tragedy has been referred to as the worst school shooting since Sandy Hook which occurred 10 years ago.

Review of data shared with the CHA CT Perinatal Quality collaborative and recent data regarding youth suicide deaths in CT. Data also provided on infants/toddlers that have Fentanyl in their systems.

Fentanyl Deaths of Infants Brief Overview- Dr. Vincent, OCME

- There has not been an increase in the number of kids coming in for substance exposure in five years.
- Drug availability (heroin vs. fentanyl) has shifted and fentanyl is now more widely available. A small amount of fentanyl is more likely to result in fatality for an infant or toddler than heroin.
- Some Fentanyl ingestions in infants and toddlers present with an unclear pathway to ingestion.
- When a child dies because of ingestion of fentanyl, the death is considered a homicide by neglect.

Fentanyl has become the dominant opioid and is involved in 80% of adult OD deaths in CT. There is a robust system with continuum of care and harm reduction efforts in CT. DHMAS is working with the on putting together public safety messaging. The OCA will take an in depth look at fentanyl related infant and toddler deaths in their upcoming report.

## **No executive Session-**

### **Legislative Update-**

Will be provided by the OCA via email.

### **New Business**

Retreat/ Planning Meeting.

### **Old Business**

Scheduled presentation by DCF on DCF SQR Process, has been moved to June 22,2022.

**Next meeting-** June 22, 2022-Microsoft Teams invite sent out.

**Adjournment-** Motion to adjourn made by TJ Michalski and seconded by Andrea Barton Reeves.