



**Child Fatality Review Panel
Meeting Minutes/Held Via Secure Teams
November 30, 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
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
Liz Corley, Clifford Beers
Michael Soltis, Pediatrician, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
SGT. Christine Jeltema, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection

Excused

Tonya Johnson CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Pina Violano, Community Health, Healthcare Consultants, LLC
Ted Rosenkrantz, UCONN Health Center
TJ Michalski, Village for Families and Children
Steven Rogers, Injury Prevention, Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Guests

Kimberly Karanda, DHMAS
Rosemary Wieworka, DCF
Jaclyn Meserole, OCME
Ivis Arroyo, Hartford PD
Lisa Backus, First CT Media
Mary Mason DHMAS
Colleen Violette DPH
Jennifer Muggeo, New London
Jeanne Milstein, New London
Krystal Rich, CCA
Prisca Takundwa, MD
Ada Booth, MD
Ed Stannard, Hartford Courant

OCA Staff

Brendan Burke
Lucy Orellano

Minutes

A motion was made by to approve the minutes Brett Salafia for October 26, 2022. A second to the motion was made by Michael Soltis. Vote taken to approve-All in favor. Abstentions- None made.

Virtual Packet- Meeting Agenda, October 26, 2022, Draft Minutes

Sharing of CFRP data- Brendan Burke-

Breakdown of current case stats and different manners were explained for new members and guests. A brief snapshot of 2015-2021 poisoning was shared.

Naugatuck Homicide

A recent case in which a father brutally murdered his 11-month-old child and being the subject of a man hunt in the state. The man was on special parole and on house arrest for a previous assault conviction at the time of incident. The OCA is looking into which systems were involved with the family prior to and leading up the child's death.

Presentations- Fentanyl Related Deaths systems discussion-continued

DMHAS- Kim Karanda-

Women's REACH program, staffed by women with lived experience, can engage with women who are thinking about engaging in SA services. Reproductive health, long-acting reversible contraception, also women who are pregnant and engaging in SA. Developing plans for treatment and support when women are ready. There are 20 REACH navigators in CT, will work with single dads and LGBTQ parents. PROUD grant, Substance Exposed Pregnancy Initiative of CT (SEPI-CT) website launch will occur on 12/1/22. Family Care Plan (FCF) messaging that includes the voices of lived experience.

Community Based Response-New London- Jeanne Milstein and Jennifer Muggeo -

The Overdose Action Team (OAT) of Southeastern CT and New London County-Coordinated Access, Resources, Engagement and Support- OAT, Fall of 2016, OAT has been a proponent of equal access to quality and appropriate treatment and remission support services. Offering comprehensive support services for families and communities while reducing the stigma around receiving treatment or remission services. With the help of partnering agencies and first responders, OAT collects data around overdoses and Stigma related to medication-based treatment.

DCF Learning Forum-Ken Mysogland and Rose Weiworka-

Presentation on outline for DCF learning forum on Fentanyl use in families and child protection implications. Trainees will learn about the facts of fentanyl use, household implications to determine prevention strategies and use of community agency partners to determine what services and supports families can benefit from. Learned strategies would also aid in appropriate safety plan creation, implementation and monitoring.

Link to recording:

https://ctgovexecmy.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/lucinda_orellano_ct_gov/EXzW7lmsXk1JqC1rAOPgs5EBuSL0iKqZM-Of_chJbpx90Q

Related links-

[DrugFreeCT.org](https://www.drugfreect.org) | [Prevention of Substance Abuse & Treatment LiveLOUD - Life with Opioid Use Disorder](#)

Discussion, next steps, identifying of actionable activities-

With innovations with supports and services to families what does this panel think we need more of that we don't have that could help families stay safe longer? Safe and healthy housing, food security and access to evidence based, compassionate care. Economic stability. The knowledge that substance use does not always equate to removal of children, what we all want is for children to be raised in a safe environment. Peer navigator system for those who are reluctant to try available services, expressing that relapse is a part of recovery. Trying out programs that didn't work before may work later due to the changes in training and mindset that is occurring with recovery programs in CT. DMHAS and DCF are collaborating to create more programs where women can take their children with them to treatment where they also focus on what families can engage with service wise when they are living in their own homes not just inpatient settings/environment. Messaging around substance use and child safety should be informative while not creating or contributing to existing stigmas.

Legislative Update-

None

Old Business-

None

New Business-

Next meeting-

December 21,2022