



**Child Fatality Review Panel
Meeting Minutes/Held Via Secure Teams
June 28, 2023**

Members

Kirsten Bechtel, Co-Chair, Pediatrician, Yale New Haven Hospital
Sarah Eagan, Co-Chair, Office of the Child Advocate
Angela Jimenez, Department of Public Health
Ted Rosenkrantz, UCONN Health Center
Gregory Vincent, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Steven Rogers, Injury Prevention, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
SGT. Christine Jeltema, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
Pina Violano, Community Health, Healthcare Consultants, LLC
Jody Terranova, Department of Public Health
Rosemary Wieworka, Department of Children and Families

Excused

Tonya Johnson, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Andrea Barton Reeves, Commissioner of Department of Social Services
TJ Michalski, Village for Families and Children
Ken Mysogland, Department of Children and Families
Ivis Arroyo, Sergeant Hartford Police Department
Brett Salafia, Assistant States Attorney
Liz Corley, Clifford Beers
Michael Soltis, Pediatrician, Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Guests

Kimberly Karanda, DMHAS
Jaclyn Meserole, OCME
Ada Booth, CCMC SCAN
Miriam Miller, DPH
Tasha Hunt, CSSD
Niranjana Ramani, Yale Pediatric Resident

OCA Staff

Brendan Burke
Lucy Orellano

Minutes

A motion was made to approve the May 24, 2023, minutes by Pina Violano, as they are. A second to the motion was made by Kirsten Bechtel.

Virtual Packet

Meeting Agenda, Draft Minutes for June 28, 2023.

CFRP Data - There were 5 fatalities reported to the OCA by the ME for the month of June. There were 2 accidents, and 3 cases remain pending further study. Case numbers are lower this year than they were the same time last year. Homicides and Undetermined are at the same level, more accidents than previous years. There have been 31 cases reported to the OCA for 2023. Yearend data showed that there were 86 cases reported to the OCA for 2022.

Discussion-

Members asked for population data, with regards to how many fatalities per live births occur in CT. Comparisons can be made between number of births and deaths in CT, DCF has pathways data which is population data that may be useful to the panel. The ME's office was asked about the determination of Homicide for fentanyl ingestion cases. The ME's determination doesn't have to do with intent, rather it is based on the illicit nature of the substance and that the death was caused by another. Regarding ingestion deaths, there are a few hospitals that provide lockboxes for parent with SA disorders, DCF has provided lockboxes to parents in need.

Participant/ Member Updates-

Pina Violano attended a Firearms Summit last week in CT, The President was in attendance. Safe storage was at the forefront of discussion.

Dr. Bechtel and Dr. Rogers collaborated to create a 3-part webinar on suicide prevention, identifying the issues and working with community provider and those with lived experience.

<https://ct-aap.org/childhood-suicide-prevention-series/>

Old business/ Reoccurring items

-Infant and Toddler report is being finalized and a draft will be sent out to members soon.

-CFRP co-chairs will work on coming up with a process to add rotating members who have lived expertise/ experience.

-Legalization of Marijuana, ingestions, and fatalities.

Discussion (ongoing items)

Panel members discussed who could be added to the panel with lived experience and where we could embed them into presentations or conversations on specific topics. Overall, most of the panel agrees that adding people with lived experience can help shape recommendations. To better inform discussions around ingestions and other concerns there was a recommendation made that we include experts in those fields in the conversation. The possibility of a poison control presentation was suggested by OCA.

Meeting Recording

https://ctvideo.ct.gov/oca/Child_Fatality_Review_Team-20230628_090747-Meeting_Recording_Final.mp4

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Ted Rosenkrantz and seconded by Steve Rogers.

Next meeting

July 26, 2023

Note: The August meeting will be cancelled given summer vacations