

Child Fatality Review Panel Meeting Minutes/Held Via Secure Teams- May 2023

Given the short duration of the non-executive session of the meeting, a video recording was accidentally not made for this session.

Members

Kirsten Bechtel, Co-Chair, Pediatrician, Yale New Haven Hospital
Sarah Eagan, Co-Chair, Office of the Child Advocate
Brett Salafia, Assistant States Attorney
Angela Jimenez, Department of Public Health
Ted Rosenkrantz, UCONN Health Center
TJ Michalski, Village for Families and Children
Ken Mysogland, Department of Children and Families
Ivis Arroyo, Sergeant Hartford Police Department
Gregory Vincent, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Liz Corley, Clifford Beers
Michael Soltis, Pediatrician, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
Steven Rogers, Injury Prevention, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
SGT. Christine Jeltema, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection

Excused

Tonya Johnson CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence Andrea Barton Reeves, Commissioner of Department of Social Services Pina Violano, Community Health, Healthcare Consultants, LLC

Guests

Kimberly Karanda, DMHAS Jaclyn Meserole, OCME Rosemary Wieworka, DCF Lisa Backus, Hearst Media Beth Bye, Commissioner of OEC

OCA Staff

Brendan Burke Lucy Orellano

Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Steven Rogers for April 23, 2023, as they are. A second to the motion was made by Michael Soltis.

Virtual Packet

Meeting Agenda, Draft Minutes for April 23, 2023

CFRP Data -Brendan Burke

There have been four fatalities reported to the OCA by the OCME this month. One homicide, one MVA where a teen fell from a moving vehicle (media coverage) and two cases are pending further study. There were fewer reported cases this May when compared to May 2022.

Old business/ Reoccurring items

- -Infant and Toddler PHA-Panel members have been asked to provide feedback on the recommendations section.
- -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

Discussion to include other members and creating a protocol for adding rotating members those with lived experience/ expertise to the CFRP meetings. Members agreed that this topic should be put on the agenda for the June meeting for a more robust conversation.

Executive Session-

After a robust discussion about allowing guests to attend executive session, a motion to go into executive session was made by Brett Salafia and seconded by Michael Soltis, to discuss the upcoming Infant & Toddler PHA. The Press were asked to leave.

A motion to go out of executive session was made by Ted Rosenkrantz and seconded by Gregory Vincent. There were no votes taken during executive session.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Michael Soltis and seconded by Sarah Eagan.

Next meeting

June 28, 2023