



**Child Fatality Review Panel
Meeting Minutes/Held Via Secure Teams
Feb 22, 2023**

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
Gregory Vincent, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Liz Corley, Clifford Beers
SGT. Christine Jeltema, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
Pina Violano, Community Health, Healthcare Consultants, LLC
Ted Rosenkrantz, UCONN Health Center
Steven Rogers, Injury Prevention, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
TJ Michalski, Village for Families and Children
Rosemary Wieworka, Department of Children and Families
Tonya Johnson CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Ivis Arroyo, Hartford PD
Michael Soltis, Pediatrician, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
Andrea Barton Reeves, Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Authority

Excused

Ken Mysogland, Department of Children and Families

Guests

Kimberly Karanda, DHMAS
Jaclyn Meserole, OCME
Ada Booth, MD CCMC-SCAN
Sarah Burley, CCMC
Tasha Hunt, CSSD
Miriam Miller, Policy Director-DPH

OCA Staff

Brendan Burke
Lucy Orellano

Minutes

A motion was made by to approve the minutes Pina Violano for Jan 25, 2023, with attendance correction. A second to the motion was made by Brett Salafia.

Virtual Packet- Meeting Agenda, January 25, 2023, Draft Minutes

Overview of recent cases- Brendan Burke-

The OCA was notified of seven fatalities that met the criteria for review, by the OCME since our last meeting. All causes for these fatalities have been determined. Included in the cases there were 2 suicides that occurred a week apart using the same lethal means. Of these two youths, one was recently hospitalized for behavioral health concerns.

Miriam Miller, Policy Director DPH-

Proposed legislation by DPH has been submitted on Fetal Mortality Review (FMR) as part of the Maternal Health Package, the process will be similar to the OCA's Child Fatality Review, where information is collected and shared in order to further prevention efforts. FMR will focus on pre and postpartum care and aim at reducing health disparities. OCA's chairs have requested to join the FMR meetings to share information and not duplicate efforts. DPH's FMR statute- [SB-986-PDF \(ct.gov\)](#)

Discussion-

Home births were discussed and the roles of Midwives and Doula. Doula certification is optional however at this time there is work being done with Medicaid on Doula certification. Midwives are not being certified at this time as more information is needed in order to determine what Midwife certification looks like.

Related Links-

https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/pdf/yrbs_data-summary-trends_report2023_508.pdf

<https://portal.ct.gov/AG/Press-Releases/2023-Press-Releases/Attorney-General-Tong-Announces-Crackdown-on-Illegal-Sale-of-Delta8-THC>

Legislative update-

OCA is testifying on several bills related to children's mental health and wellbeing. OCA urges panel members to testify in support of bills around the safe storage of cannabis and the reimbursement for schools to provide suicide screening to its students.

Executive Session-

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss information that is not disclosable was made by Pina Violano and seconded by Ted Rosenkrantz. Motion to go out of Executive Session was made by Pina Violano and seconded by T.J Michalski.

Old Business- Infant, Toddler report to be released in early spring.

Motion to Adjourn- Made by Pina Violano and seconded by Brett Salafia.

Next meeting- March 22, 2023