



Child Fatality Review Panel
Meeting Minutes/Held Via Secure Teams
May 29, 2024

Members

Kirsten Bechtel, Co-Chair, Pediatrician, Yale New Haven Hospital
Sarah Eagan, Co-Chair, Office of the Child Advocate
Ted Rosenkrantz, UCONN Health Center
Gregory Vincent, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Steven Rogers, Injury Prevention, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
Brett Salafia, Assistant States Attorney
Michael Soltis, Pediatrician, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
TJ Michalski, Village for Families and Children
Pina Violano, Community Health, Healthcare Consultants, LLC
Liz Corley, Family Strong
Meghan Scanlon, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Excused

Samantha Haynes, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
Jody Terranova, Department of Public Health
Susan Hamilton, DCF
Andrea Barton Reeves, Commissioner of Department of Social Services
Ivys Arroyo, Sergeant Hartford Police Department

Guests

Rosemary Wieworka, DCF
Lisa Backus, Hearst Media
Jaclyn Meserole, OCME
Ada Booth CCMC
Tasha Hunt, CSSD
Kim Karanda, DMHAS
Kelly McVey, DCF
Wendy Gladstone, Child Fatality Review NH
Stacey Violante-Cote, CCA
Chris Lyddy, Dalio Education
Marissa Rodenstein, CCMC
Candy Osborn

OCA Staff

Brendan Burke
Lucy Orellano

Minutes

A motion was made to approve the April 24, 2024, minutes by Steven Rogers, as they are. A second to the motion was made by Sarah Eagan.

Virtual Packet

Meeting Agenda, Draft Minutes for April 24, 2024.

CFRP Data/Discussion

There were 4 cases reported to the OCA by the OCME since the last meeting. The causes were homicide, suicide an MVA and an unsafe sleep environment. The suicide involved a firearm and a young teenager. A 22 year look at the manners and causes for adolescents was broken down. Data shows that there had been a decline in fatalities of 16-year-olds, and an increase in the number of suicides for the 18–24-year age group. Suicide data doesn't speak to the number of kids who make attempts or have suicidal ideations. 70K kids that have been screened in CT during the past 10 years have showed signs of being at risk for suicide. Medicaid's limitations with regards to reimbursement rates were discussed, plan not widely accepted for young adult SA treatment.

Presentation(s)

A Collective Impact Approach to Addressing Minor Homelessness, Stacey Violante-Cote, CCA

- Definition of homelessness is different depending on age (Unstably Housed vs. Literally Homeless)
- In 2017, 1 in 10 young adults (18-25 yrs.) had experienced homelessness
- 50-75% of youth experiencing homelessness have been arrested.
- Youths with a HS diploma or GED are less likely to experience homelessness
- 2020-Youth Data- Pre pandemic, showed that 696 minors 17 and under experienced homelessness.

An Unspoken Crisis: Connecticut's 119,000 at-risk and disconnected youth- Chris Lyddy, Dalio Foundation

- Dalio Foundation research agenda culminated in 3 commissioned reports having to do with getting young people back on track, national policies and practices affecting young people and how to elevate the voices of young people.
- Age groups considered 14-26 years of age, categories included youths who were on track, at risk and those who were disconnected
- Data was gathered from various state agencies that provide services to the specific age group in conjunction with interviewing providers. Youths experiencing disconnection were also interviewed.
- From 2021-2022 1 in 5 young people were disconnected or at risk
- Students who received prior state services, experienced poverty or were involved in SPED programing had higher rates of becoming disconnected.
- Research indicated that there would be a positive economic impact to getting young back on track.

Related Links

[Homeless Student Support \(ct.gov\)](#)

[CT's Unspoken Crisis: Getting Young People Back on Track \(dalioeducation.org\)](#)

Executive Session

No Executive Session

Old business/ Reoccurring items

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.

A possible summit to discuss adolescent deaths may be conducted by the panel at a future date.

Look at the curriculum for CT High School students on safe driving and the GDL program.

Meeting Recording

https://ctvideo.ct.gov/oca/Child_Fatality_Review_Team-20240529_090312-Meeting_Recording.mp4

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Pina Violano and Seconded by Steven Rogers.

Next meeting

June 26, 2024