



Child Fatality Review Panel
Meeting Minutes/Held Via Secure Teams
February 26, 2025

Members

Kirsten Bechtel, Co-Chair, Pediatrician, Yale New Haven Hospital
Christina Ghio, Co-Chair, Office of The Child Advocate
Ted Rosenkrantz, UCONN Health Center
Gregory Vincent, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Brett Salafia, Assistant States Attorney
Andrea Deyo, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Ken Mysogland, Department of Children and Families
Adelita Orefice, Department of Public Health
Ivys Arroyo, Sergeant Hartford Police Department
Liz Corley, Family Strong
Steven Rogers, Injury Prevention, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
Andrea Barton Reeves, Commissioner of Department of Social Services
Samantha Haynes, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection

Excused

TJ Michalski, Village for Families and Children
Michael Soltis, Pediatrician, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
Pina Violano, Community Health, Healthcare Consultants, LLC

Guests

Jaclyn Meserole, OCME
Kim Karanda, DMHAS
Taylor Tantaquidgeon, Intern OCA
Shayna LaFlam, DPH
Rosemary Wieworka, DCF
Ada Booth, CCMC
Lisa Backus, Hearst Media
Alexandra Bahgat, SCAN
Susan Hamilton, DCF
Bill Halsey, DSS
Kevin Borrup, CCMC
Kelly McVey, DCF

OCA Staff

Brendan Burke
Lucy Orellano

Minutes

A motion was made to approve the January 22, 2025, minutes with correction by Steve Rogers, and seconded by Brett Salafia.

Virtual Packet

Meeting Agenda, Draft Minutes for January 22, 2025.

CFRP Data- Brendan Burke

There have been 3 cases reported to the OCA by the OCME for the month of February. Of the three cases there was one homicide and two are still pending further investigation with one case having unsafe sleep factors present. The homicide was extensively covered by the media and resulted in the arrest of the child's father.

Presentation(s)

DSS- Medicare Coverage for Mental Health (Bill Halsey)

- Policy Bulletin for Suicide Risk Screening: [Connecticut Medical Assistance Program/](#)
- 96127 is billable by physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, medical clinics (including school-based health centers), behavioral health clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)
- DSS requires the use of an age-appropriate and validated screening tool (Resources available: American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) website)
- DSS encourages providers to incorporate screening into the annual Early and Periodic, Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) visit and will also reimburse for medically necessary screens performed at intervals outside of the annual EPSDT visit.
- CT Medicaid Billing and reimbursements Presentation-<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:f5e22944-b8dd-42ee-be17-eadf4171912c>
- Medicaid Fact sheet-<https://files.kff.org/attachment/fact-sheet-medicaid-state-CT>

Trends in Child Firearm Fatality- Dr. Kevin Borrup (CCMC)

- A five year look at the Non- Fatal and Fatal shootings in Hartford indicated that there has been a decrease in both since 2020.
- In recent years, data indicates that most adolescent firearm deaths in CT are of kids ages 13 through 17, which appears to be the trend Nationally as well.
- CPT Firearms Presentation- <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:b9cc8024-e1d6-4efc-bcad-ba8d660c4464>

Related Links

Meeting Link: In progress

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.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Rogers and Seconded by Adelita Orefice.

Next meeting

March 26, 2025