



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of the Secretary

STATE CHILD DEATH REVIEW
September 26, 2023 12PM – 3PM

Location:
EBRPL Main Library
7711 Goodwood Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

MINUTES

- I. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS
 - a. Meeting called to order at 12:08pm by Dr. Lagarde, Child Death Review Chairperson.
 - b. The meeting was facilitated by Dr. Lagarde who proceeded with roll call and introductions.
 - c. Members Present: Sandra Adams, William Bosworth, Richard Buckland, Madeline Carbonette, Pam Cart, Frank Edwards, Dr. Clayton Kleinpeter, Sara Dickerson, Cindy Duplessis, Laurel Kitto, Dr. Gina Lagarde, Lauren Meher, Lori Miller, Levillia Moore, Shannon Swain, Robyn Thomas, Julie Johnston
 - d. Staff Present: Kristen Sanderson, Danielle Mistretta, Nellelisa Ayo, Tara Wilson Haddox, Shelley Ryan Gray, Kristen Falgoust, Stefanie Winters, Jade Marler, Martha Hennegan, Debra Feller
 - e. Zoom Attendees: Lisa Freeman (arrived in person at 1:30pm), Anjell DeGruy, Carli Harvey, Rebecca Madjoch
- II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. A quorum was not present at this time. Members agreed to defer approval of minutes at the next meeting.
- III. CDR Workgroup Updates
 - a. Kristen Sanderson provided an update on the SUID workgroup. Maternal Child Health Coordinators continue to use the updated Safe Sleep Presentation that was created by SUID workgroup members. The group is also continuing to work with Woman's Hospital to create a one pager of the success of their safe sleep initiative that can be shared with other hospitals and partners.
 - b. Kristen Sanderson shared that we continue to distribute BeSMART secure storage materials in communities. Frank Edwards mentioned the House Bill 247: Establishes a tax credit for purchases of firearm safety devices.
<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1323046>
- IV. Bureau of Family Health Updates
 - a. The Bureau received a new round of five-year funding for the CDC SUID Case Registry Grant which provides support for child death review efforts. They also received an additional component for safe sleep awareness and SUID prevention.
 - b. The Bureau is also participating in a new pilot with the National Center for Fatality Review to utilize an investigative form for drownings, similar to the SUID Investigative form to collect more information around risk and protective factors for drowning.

- c. The 2019 – 2021 Child Death Review Report will be published in October. Along with the report, there will be fact sheets and a webpage. This will be shared with the Panel when it is ready.
- V. Agency Updates
 - a. Lisa Freeman stated that there were numerous seat check events for National Seat Check Saturday and other activities during Child Passenger Safety Week (September 17th – 23rd). Lisa Freeman will also share a link for a recorded webinar around new data around the dangers of impaired driving. Pam Cart will also share a webinar discussing teen impaired driving.
 - b. Robyn Thomas shared that the Office of Behavioral Health is continuing to promote 988. A data dashboard about the usage of 988 will be coming soon. OBH and partners continue to provide suicide prevention trainings. OBH is developing a Louisiana-specific 988 campaign. They have been conducting focus groups across the state to gather input on high risk populations and barriers to seeking help. A soft launch of this new campaign will be in April 2024.
 - c. Sandra Adams inquired whether there was a funding or efforts to provide Safe Sleep messaging on door hangers that could be mailed with birth certificates. BFH will look into how this could be incorporated in the new SUID grant.
 - d. Kristen Falgoust shared that there will be a Stroller Walk at 10:30am on Saturday, September 30th at the Capitol for Infant Mortality/Safe Sleep Awareness Month. All are welcome to join.
 - e. Several panel members inquired about the regulatory process for family day-care homes. The panel requested more information from the Department of Education at the next CDR meeting.
- VI. Public Comment
 - a. Time was allotted for public comment. No comment was made during this time.
- VII. Day Care Fatality Case Review
 - a. Five cases were reviewed, including four related to SUID and one drowning. Recommendations were documented. All cases were deemed preventable.
 - b. The panel requested that a representative from the Department of Education provide an overview of the licensing requirements for day care centers to better inform prevention efforts.
- VIII. Adjourn
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58pm.