Louisiana State Child Death Review Panel

Agenda | June 17, 2015 | 10-12p

7173-A Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, La  
Large Conference room off of the lobby

**Attendees:** Kelly Bankston, Chris Cornell, Robin Gruenfeld, Dr. Takeisha Davis, Jane Herwehe, Emily Andrews, Linda Carter, Lt. Dave Kolb, Amanda Pereira, Chief Tim Lentz, Pam Cart, Ashlyn Melton, Yancy Guerin, Dr. Dawn Vick, Chief Frank Edwards, Joe Waitz, Jr.

**Notes:**

* Welcome to new members/participants
* Membership discussion
  + Comm. of Insurance, Forensic pathologist and a pediatrician specializing in child maltreatment have agreed to participate, but are unable to attend this meeting. They should attend in Sept.
* Purpose of Child Death Review – to objectively review circumstances around fatalities and propose systems’ level improvements.
* Overview of Most Common Causes of Child Death – distribution of the one -pager
* Follow Up on To Do items from last meeting
  + DCFS and CDR collaboration – meetings are ongoing to address information sharing and collaborative fatality reviews.
  + SIDS/SUID Classification PI project – Devin, Jane and Dr. Davis wrote up a proposed project for feedback to coroners using the SIDS and SUID causes of death. Yancy will discuss with Dr. Thoma to see if he is willing to support. Jane will follow up with Yancy.
  + Mandatory drug screenings for caregivers in unexpected child fatalities. Emily did more research and wrote up findings and discussed with the group. Joe will discuss the idea with the Federal DAs and the DA Association members and report back. The issue is probable cause. Joe also asked about the availability of Child Advocacy Centers in each parish (Children’s Code : Article 509)
  + Tim, Frank and Dave state that if there is probable cause there is a pretty straightforward, expeditious way (V sign) for law enforcement to get a warrant if the caregiver refuses a drug screen. Many areas have an electronic request procedure that can results in a warrant in 15 mins. Other areas not quite there yet.
  + Group asked if there is data on how many times impairment is a related to the fatality. There is limited data as it is not always known if it is a factor in the death.
* Case presentations – Kelly Bankston (Region 2) and Chris Cornell (Region 4) – CoD drowning
  + 2 cases presented
* Case and recommendations discussion
  + Ideas generated by group.

1. Research state legislation on pool safety requirements (Emily will work with a clerk to look into state and local laws).
2. Group acknowledges that any type of pool or body of water are hazards, but maybe we could start with in-ground pools since these are more likely to be regulated through building permits/codes/insurance mandates insurance discounts for barriers or safety features – Jane will reach out to Korey to see if there are any homeowners requirements or discounts
3. Texas runs all sorts of PSAs in the spring and summer around pool safety – could

Louisiana do something similar? Such programs as Pool Safely of the Consumer Product Safety Commission offer all sorts of free resources poolsafely.gov. Could we work with pool supply retailers on sales of safety goods?

* Next Steps/Assignments
  + Yancy – reach out to Dr. Thoma about the process improvement project with coroners around use of SIDS and SUID
  + Jane/Linda – continue collaborative work between DCFS and CDR
  + Emily – review pool legislation/requirements
  + Joe – discuss drug screening issue with DA colleagues – summarize and report back also find out the status of CAC in each parish DA office. Reach out to Robin if he needs any help on understanding this issue or data
  + Dr. Davis/Robin – provide feedback to regional coordinators about progress on mandatory drug screening issue.
  + Jane – follow up with Korey about insurance requirements for pool owners
  + Pam – forward the list of bereavement resources of which she is aware.
  + Jane – connect Chief Edwards and Autumn Goodfellow-Thompson about highway safety training for Assoc. of Chiefs of Police state meeting
  + Jane/Dawn – touch base about potential training for physicians/residents.
* **Next Meeting – September 16th, 2015, 10–12p**

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