



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health

**LOUISIANA STATE CHILD DEATH REVIEW**  
628 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA  
1-888-204-5984 Access Code 1982918  
December 11, 2018

**Attendees:** Rosaria Trichilo, Jia Benno, Jane Herwehe, Karen Webb, Amanda Broussard, Julie Johnston, Jana Comeaux, Danita LeBlanc, Dr. Joe Kanter, Frank Edward, Dave Kolb, Dr. Brian Zganjar, Rebecca DeLaSalle, Charles Hansberry, Lori Miller, Dr. Clayton Kleinpeter, Lisa Freeman, Sandra Adams, Jim Groody, Mona Michelli, Cynthia Naquin, Janice Zube; Dr. Dawn Vick (telephone)

**Chair:** Dr. Joseph Kanter

**Meeting Notes:**

**1. Committee and other Updates**

• **Discussion of transition:**

- Dr. Kanter taking over for Dr. Jaber as Chair – Dr. Kanter is an ER physician and possesses CDR experience and is a member of the local CDR team in Region 1
- Rosi Trichilo taking over for Robin Gruenfeld – long transition period allowed Rosi the benefit of Robin’s knowledge on the work.
- Jia Benno continues as the CDR mortality surveillance epi
- Karen Webb – will be helping support the team
- Goal of transition - building a team that will for more support for Child Death Review

• **Drowning Subcommittee**

- Last time we were waiting to hear about a Consumer Product Safety Commission drowning prevention grant that we were waiting to be funded in July. Happy to announce that it was funded!
- This grant is unique - \$250,000 over 2 years and you have to split your money 50/50. 50% needs to go to training on standards of pool construction and 50% on prevention -pool safety education, swim lessons, etc.
- Prevention – working in certain regions. Utilizing partners and MCH Coordinators with the goal of providing low-cost/ free swim lessons in rural or low-income areas.
- Working through Home Visiting partners in the development of summer pool safety checklists
- CDR will continue to send out drowning prevention letter and materials and in the spring – requesting that the CDR members share with their partners

• **Suicide COIN**

- We chose to focus on the Suicide and Self Harm Prevention aspect of this COIN
- Working with Children’s Safety Network coaches, department of education, office of behavioral health, and BFH.
- Current areas of focus: gatekeeper training, screening for emotional health issues among adolescents and young children
- Piloting this approach in the Lafayette area, which has the highest child suicide rates in the state

- One of the non-profits submitted a proposal to hire a local suicide prevention coordinator in the Lafayette area (will be helpful for COIIN)
- Please let us know if you know any other agencies who will be interested in this! Open to any agencies who want to participate. There is no funding, but they provide TA calls. You can get on the calls with peers from other states, which provides a good community of practice
- CDC has standard definitions between suicide and self-harm that may be helpful for coroners to adopt to reduce subjectivity in classification.
- Safe Sleep Subcommittee
  - Laurel is out sick – Jane will circle with Laurel after the meeting for any update to be sent out to the group

## 2. Agency Updates

- Lisa – highway safety
  - This is a pass-through agency to fund projects to decrease numbers of injuries/ fatalities about crashes.
  - Partnership with Lyft (\$20,000) – launching a Lyft campaign so that people who are impaired/ partying will have an opportunity to put in a code and get a reduced fare. Hoping to spare some lives this holiday season.
  - They are also collaborating with LDH Emergency Preparedness opioid grant– received \$84,000 to work on changing the crash data reports – originally had alcohol reported in the case of a crash but drug and opioid use was not reported.
  - Also trying to work on a classification about all of the assays of drugs (opioid issue, psychedelic, etc). Trying to create a data system that is not in place – while crash data is great in Louisiana, we do not have good information available related to drugs. Want to have drug experts brought to the scene to improve data
  - Submitted legislative proposal to the Department of Public Safety on improvements in child passenger safety; it will be up to DPS to decide to propose in the 2019 session.
- Jim Groody - Coroner's association
  - Bureau of Health Informatics at OPH – getting money from the CDC to improve opioid overdose surveillance and is providing support to coroners to improve opioid data
- Janice DOE – Heathy Committees grant approved for substances and mental health. Selected 3 parishes – Jefferson, St. Bernard, Monroe City
  - Want to increase knowledge about mental health issues and trauma
  - Screening and Referral
  - Collaborating with Local Governing Entities (LGEs) and existing resources around the state working on mental health care.
  - Partnering with LSU – hoping to expand what they are doing across the state (get screening process down and move on with other factors)
- State police –
  - Training 1<sup>st</sup> responders on use of Narcan (Naloxone) to reverse opioid overdoses
  - Walgreens – has a program where you can dispose of Narcan/ other drugs
  - LDH is providing Narcan in injections and nasal spray

- Laurie DCFS
  - Next year doing statewide comprehensive plan to decrease child malnutrition. Has stakeholder meeting tomorrow to work towards developing this plan (working with BFH and Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana).
  - Mandatory reporter information – have had presentations at State CDR about this. There has been criticism about delays in responding to calls. In order to decrease this, they are adding a mandatory reporting online system for non-emergency reports. Instead of requiring mandatory reporters to do a follow-up written report, you can now do an online report to try to streamline things. New mandatory reporter brochure and training coming out. Hoping that call wait time has been reduced – had some shortages over the summer but think the last few months have decreased
  - If abuse and neglect is suspected – need to report child deaths to DCFS. If there is any question about abuse and neglect – report it. Don't need to call in every child death
  
- Amanda Broussard EMS-C
  - EMTs are mandatory reporters. They have a protocol in place to contact the medical reporter to confirm the death – that is considered reporting to the ER and medical director
  - EMS-C has an advisory board. Approved 5 subcommittees. Related to QI/QA, policies, outreach, disaster preparedness for pediatric (for hospitals). EMS-C is geared towards emergency departments as well as EMS – want to reduce child fatalities across the state. Making sure people know which hospital to take the children to and when the hospital should transfer the child if they do not have the capacity to take care of them correctly
  - Contact Amanda if you want to be a part of the sub-committees!
  - Community and outreach piece – would be a good facilitator for some of the information that comes out of this committee. Could see it affecting system change
  - BFH wants to have families be involved in policy changes
  
- Sandra Adams Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families
  - Each year they put out a platform to lawmakers across the state about issues impacting children. This platform aims to tell lawmakers which issues are important to the people if they are elected. Last year, there was nothing in this platform about child safety! This is an opportunity to include data about child safety issues, such as data and direct recommendations that have come out of committee
  - The platform will be published in Late May. They will be holding a meeting to organize it in January
  
- Jim Groody – Coroner's Association
  - Went to a course recently where they emphasized use of death in water vs. drowning terminology. Want people to consider death may not be accidental and complete an investigation.
  - Was told that the Coroner association may have money available for sexual assault nurse examiners – training nurse examiners to give sexual assault victims comprehensive exams without taking up the time from the ER nurses (used in New Orleans, Baton Rouge and St. Tammany).
  - Is there the possibility of forming regional team (someone from sheriff, chief, DA, coroner, fire marshal) to be specifically trained about child death with expertise in completing investigation of child deaths on a statewide level?.

- Coroner's conference coming up in February for whoever is interested. Put on by Louisiana Organ Procurement. You can register online. Pam Cart is the person who organizes that
- Time to get your flu shot! Seeing rates go up

3. Fire Case review and recommendations

- Practice fire escape plan and fire safety skills, especially in instances where a member of the home has a mobility issue. People need to know 2 escape routes to get out of their house
- Incorporating a conversation regarding fire safety at provider or pediatrician visits
- Include Safety checklist as part of a quarterly home visit
- Include fire safety as a performance measure that doctors are incentivized for
- Target children about what they are going to do if the smoke alarm goes off instead of just educating parents. Incorporate this education directly to students at fire safety events in community
- Educate the community about smoke alarms for people with disabilities (hard of hearing, autism), such as smoke alarms that flash instead of make sound, or smoke detectors with Bluetooth capability/ bed shakers
- Provide window stickers to families to indicate where the bedrooms in the house are located – this is important for first responders and fire departments, since being able to locate the bedroom faster can allow them to get to people in a timelier manner
- Create some kind of repercussion for home owners to provide working smoke alarms to their tenants instead of the “shame on you” mentality
- Have local fire service at local CDR meetings – fire departments are often the first on the scene and need to know information about SUID deaths, drowning deaths, and other forms of injury prevention and can be a great resource etc.
- Educate parents about the laws regarding smoke detectors in rental properties so they know their rights
- Provide resources for where fire alarms are available and make sure the public knows that if they purchase a fire alarm, fire departments will help them install them
- Provide safety plans and other fire related materials in multiple languages
- Share fire prevention materials with Support Coordinators (home visitors) and set up quarterly home visits for special need children on waivers
- Create targeted cultural education for specific groups that you are trying to target
- Enforce requirement that all fire fatalities receive an investigation by the Fire Marshal's office.

**2019 Meetings:**

**March 26 from 12-3 at Fire Marshal HQ IN Independence Blvd**

**June 25 from 12-3 at Fire Marshal HQ IN Independence Blvd**

**September 24 from 12-3 at DOE**

**December 10 from 12-3 at DOE**

4. Adjourn

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December 11, 2018 | 12:00-3:00 pm

**Claiborne Building, Room 1-153 (Iowa Room)**  
**Department of Education**  
**1201 N. Third Street**  
**Baton Rouge, LA**

- Free Parking
- Cafeteria in the lobby

Conference call number  
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### Agenda

- Welcome and introductions -
- Committee Updates
  - a. Safe sleep prevention work group –10 mins
  - b. Drowning Prevention – 5 mins
  - c. Suicide Prevention and Self Harm Reduction – COIIN – 5 mins
- Agency Announcements –20 mins
- Fire Fatality Case Review and Discussion -2 hours
- 2019 Meeting Schedule: 10 mins
- Adjourn

### Next Meeting: TBD

Convening entity: Louisiana Department of Health -Office of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health-  
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