



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

**STATE CHILD DEATH REVIEW**

**December 10, 2024**  
**12PM – 3:30PM**

**Location:**

Louisiana State Police Headquarters (Room 3000)  
7919 Independence Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**Meeting link for members of the public:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86710597304?pwd=BXw1zo0F4uu54gRoMK8UghaqpaptK.1>

Meeting ID: 867 1059 7304 Passcode: 657497

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order – Chair
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Dr. Gina Lagarde, Child Death Review Panel Chairperson.
- II. Roll Call – Chair
  - a. In-person and Zoom members provided informal introductions, led by Kristen Sanderson.
  - b. The meeting was facilitated by Dr. Lagarde who proceeded with roll call. It was determined a quorum (17 of 28 participants) were present.
  - c. Members: Sen. Regina Barrow, Madeline Carbonette, Dr. Laura Clayton-Klienpeter, (Zoom), Rebecca DeLaSalle, Sara Dickerson, Cindy Duplessis, Frank Edwards, Lisa Freeman, Etrena Gerard, Deborah St. Germain, Laurel Kitto, Dr. Gina Lagarde, Lauren Meher, Levilia Moore, Dr. Estelle Oertling, Kathleen Richey, Nadine Smith, Robyn Thomas
  - d. Staff: Lauren Dyer (Zoom), Kristen Falgoust, Debra Feller(Zoom), Martha Hennegan, Julie Johnston, Kayla Livingston (Zoom), Danielle Mistretta, Preeti Moorthy(Zoom), Shelley Ryan-Gray(Zoom), Kristen Sanderson, Victoria Smith, Tara Wilson-Haddox(Zoom), Stefanie Winters(Zoom)
  - e. Other attendees: Ginesse Barrett, Bill Sellers
- III. Public Comment
  - a. Time was allotted for public comment. No comments were made.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - a. June 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes
    - i. Lisa Freeman motioned to approve the June 2024 meeting minutes. Sara Dickerson seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- V. Mandate Review
  - a. Child Death Review Panel Mandate was reviewed with panel members.
- VI. Vacancy Announcements
  - a. The Vacant seats on the panel were reviewed. Panel members were advised to reach out to potential panel members along with contact information to fill the vacant seats. The current vacancies are 2/4 citizens from the state at large who represent

different geographic areas of the state, 3/4 citizens from the state at large who represent different geographic areas of the state, Health professional with expertise in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana State Medical Society and Forensic pathologist certified by the American Board of Pathology and licensed to practice medicine in the state appointed by the chairman of the Louisiana State Child Death Review Panel subject to Senate confirmation.

VII. New Business

- a. 2025 Confidentiality Pledge
  - i. All Panel members and meeting attendees reviewed and signed the 2025 Confidentiality pledge to comply with 2024 Child Death Review Panel requirements.
- b. Annual Child Death Review Report
  - i. Panel members were informed that the 2020-2022 Child Death Review report is in the approval process and will be presented at the next meeting in March 2025.
- c. 2025 Meeting Schedule
  - i. The proposed meeting schedule for 2025 is March 18, 2025, June 17, 2025, September 16, 2025 and December 9, 2025.

VIII. 2020-2022 Child Death Review Data Overview

- a. Kristen Sanderson presented 2020-2022 Child Death Review Data, summarizing trends and data for the top causes and risk factors of child death.

IX. Public Comment

- a. Time was allotted for public comment. No comments were made.

X. Break

XI. Case Review – Child Abuse, Homicide & Drug Overdose

- a. Five cases were reviewed by the CDR Panel. All cases were deemed preventable and recommendations were documented.

XII. Adjourn

- a. Dr. Lagarde motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sara Dickerson seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Next Meeting Details

Date: March 18, 2025

Time: 12:00-3:00pm

Location:

Note: The order of the agenda may not be followed exactly, to accommodate presenter schedules.

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RS 40:2019:

§2019. Child death investigation

A. Findings and purpose.

(1) The legislature hereby finds and declares that:

(a) Protection of the health and welfare of the children of this state is a goal of its People, and the unexpected death of infants and children is an important public health concern that requires legislative action.

(b) Collecting data on the causes of unexpected deaths will better enable the state to protect some infants and children from preventable deaths and will help reduce the incidence of such deaths.

(c) Identifying persons responsible for abuse or neglect resulting in unexpected death will better enable the state to protect other children who may be under the care of the same persons and will help reduce the incidence of such deaths.

(d) Multidisciplinary and multiagency reviews of child deaths can assist the state in the investigation of child deaths, in the development of a greater understanding of the incidence and causes of child deaths and the methods for preventing such deaths, and in identifying gaps in services to children and families.