



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

**STATE CHILD DEATH REVIEW**

**March 18, 2024**  
**12PM – 3:00PM**

**Location:**

St. George Fire Department  
14100 Airline Hwy (Administration Building Classrooms A & B)  
St. George, LA 70817

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88364605287>

Meeting ID: 883 6460 5287

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order – Chair
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 12:09 pm by Kristen Sanderson, Child Death Review Panel facilitator.
- II. Roll Call – Chair
  - a. In-person and Zoom members provided introductions, led by Kristen Sanderson.
  - b. Dr. Lagarde, Child Death Review Panel Chair proceeded with roll call. It was determined a quorum were present.
  - c. Members Present: Ginesse Barrett, Madeline Carbonette, Laura Clayton-Klienpeter, MD, Sara Dickerson, Cindy Duplessis, Frank Edwards, Benjamin Friedmann, Laurel Kitto, Gina Lagarde, MD, Etrena Gerard, Mamie Smith (Proxy), Levillia Moore, Denise O’Guinn, Kathleen Richey, Rick Wheat
  - d. Staff Present: Lauren Dyer ( Zoom), Kristen Falgoust, Martha Hennegan, Julie Johnston, Kayla Livingston (Zoom), Jade Marler (Zoom), Danielle Mistretta, Preeti Moorthy ( Zoom), Shelley Ryan-Gray ( Zoom), Kristen Sanderson, , Victoria Smith, Tara Wilson-Haddox (Zoom), Stefanie Winters
- III. Public Comment
  - a. Time was allotted for public comment. No comments were made.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - a. December 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes
    - i. Julie Johnston motioned to approve the December 2024 meeting minutes. Sara Dickerson seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- V. Mandate Review
  - a. Child Death Review Panel Mandate was introduced to new panel members and reviewed with existing 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. Old 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. 2025 Meeting schedule
  - i. The remaining meeting schedule for 2025 is June 17, 2025, September 16, 2025 and December 9, 2025. Meeting locations were shared with panel members.

VIII. New Business

- a. Panel will work to create universal messaging so we are aligned when facilitating meetings and presenting Annual CDR report to other stakeholders.
- b. Agency Updates & reminders
  - i. Panel members were informed that if their seat was expired or near expiration they would receive an email for further guidance. Recommendations and applications for vacant seats have been received and more information will follow.

IX. 2020-2022 Child Death Review Annual Report Review

- a. 2020-2022 Child Death Review Annual Report recommendations were presented and discussed with panel members.
- b. Poll will be sent to the panel to rank recommendations in order of importance. Focus groups will be created after poll results are reviewed.

X. Public Comment

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

XI. Break

XII. Case Review – Drowning

- a. 2020-2022 Drowning data was presented to panel members.
- b. Three cases were reviewed by the CDR Panel. All cases were deemed preventable and recommendations were documented.

XIII. Adjourn

- a. Dr. Lagarde motioned to adjourn the meeting. Laurel Kitto seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm.

Next Meeting Details

Date: June 17, 2025

Time: 12:00-3:00pm

Location: St. George Fire Department - 14100 Airline Hwy., St. George, LA 70817 (Administration Building Classrooms A & B)

Focus: Firearm Fatalities

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.