

Louisiana State Child Death Review Panel

Agenda | December 6, 2016 | 1:00-3:00 pm

7173-A Florida Blvd, Region 2 Public Health Office Conference Room in the former Bon Carre mall

Open Agenda

- General announcements: forms, ground rules, format of agenda review – Jane – 5 mins
- Welcome and introductions of new members – Jane - 5 mins
- Follow up on to-do items from last meeting – 10 mins
 - a. Child Death Investigation Protocol Project – Jane
 - b. Bluff Road Traffic Study Follow Up – Jane
- Drowning data review – Lydia – 15 mins
- Partner Updates – 15 minutes

Closed Agenda – Legislatively mandated members only

- Case presentations and Discussion - 45 mins
- Wrap Up – 15 mins

Next Meeting: Group needs to decide on quarterly meeting schedule for 2017 and priority topics

Organizing Entity:

Office of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health
Louisiana Department of Health

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Meeting Notes:

Attendees: Jane Herwehe, Dr. Jaber, Amy Zapata, Marty Hennegan, Danita LeBlanc, Sandra Adams, Rosa Bustamante Forest, Shelley Ryan-Grey, Lisa Norman, Christine Cornell, Nicole Soudelier, Linda Pickett, Laurel Kitto, Rose Johnson, Lydia Plante, Yancy Guerin, Korey Harvey, Janice Zube, Shelley Ryan Gray, Emily Andrews, Lauren Meher, Amy Zapata, Mrs. Edwards, Chief Frank Edwards, Chief Tim Lentz, Cindy Gonthier, Mona Michelli, Sandra Adams, Bernadette Robinet Pickett

Welcome and Introductions:

- State CDR is responsible for the review of child deaths with the aim of preventing future death or injury.

Follow Up from Active Projects:

- CDR Investigation Protocol
 - o POST Training – slated to include child fatality and infant death investigation
 - o Working to get on the agenda for the Homicide Investigators' meeting to raise awareness of special issues around child fatalities
 - o Will present at LOPA Meeting on special issues related to coroners and coroner investigators in child fatality investigations

- Bluff Road Safety Study
 - o As a result of ongoing conversations with DOTD around a particularly dangerous stretch of road in Ascension Parish, a work order is in process for rumble strips and curbing; chevrons have already been installed.
- Water Safety Letter
 - o Last year the State CDR team decided to send a letter that asked partners to help share the message of drowning prevention and tap their partners to also participate. This approach was wildly successful. Pool Safety materials (from CPSC) and others were shared widely via social media, PSAs, press conferences, and fliers.

Drowning data review:

- o Data 2013-2015; national rate = 1.1 deaths per 100,000 children; Louisiana rate = 2.7 per 100,000.
- o Louisiana ranks 4th in the nation in drowning
- o White males aged 1-4 make up the majority of drowning deaths
- o In children aged 1-14, most deaths occur in pools
- o Almost half of deaths needed supervision and/or barriers to protect the children from falling in the water

Partner Updates:

- o Bureau of Family Health Core VIPP funding and NVDRS; both programs also include prevention of child fatalities due to intentional and unintentional injury.
- o Reviewing practices around infant safe sleep in shelters and updating disaster response
- o New chair for State CDR, Dr. Jaber
- o Department of Education and Office of Behavioral Health created a manual and some materials on suicide and bullying prevention in high schools, as well as model school district policies around those topics
- o Central Louisiana has a 30 second PSA on safe sleep running for the next year
- o DCFS and Bureau of Family Health are working to update legislation to improve collaboration
- o Bureau of Family Health's Maternal and Child Health are sending letters are going out to notify healthcare professionals that a child born in their hospital or care for in their practice has died of an unsafe sleep death.
- o DCFS is developing trainings for Safe Haven Laws
- o Children's Justice Act is funding SUID investigation training for Child Protective Services investigators, but it will be open to the public for a \$25 fee
- o Women's Hospital passed out cards that could hook to patients' rear view mirror to remind them to check for kids before they left their car to prevent heat-related fatalities.

Next Year Priorities Discussion: The group identified 6 priority areas to consider for next year:

Public Education:

- 1) Safe Sleep
- 2) Child Passenger Safety
- 3) Drowning prevention awareness and education and connection to resources such as swimming lessons and safety materials such as USCG approved floatation devices and pool alarms, etc

4) Firearm Safety

Policy-level (Administrative) Changes:

- 1) Refinement of Child Death Investigation Protocols/certifications/requirements
- 2) Improving on Child Death Reporting to DCSF, etc.
- 3) Pool Safety Laws but begins discussions on control of access and safety to pools/spas

Case Summary Presentations :

3 Drowning cases – Recommendation related to Drowning Prevention Awareness

Next Steps:

- Establish a small workgroup to work with DCSF to improve mandated reporting call in process. Pre-work might include mapping existing steps in the process.
- Target Municipal and Police Jury Associations to discuss local level ordinances facilitating pool safety.

Next Year and Meetings: Meetings will remain on the same schedule for 2017; quarterly March, June, Sept, Dec), Tuesday afternoons. Locations to be determined (Any partners interested in hosting? Location should be central for most)

- March 28, 2017
- June 27, 2017
- September 26, 2017
- December 12, 2017

Adjourn