



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

LOUISIANA STATE CHILD DEATH REVIEW

June 22, 2021

Meeting Notes:

Welcome & Introductions:

Zoom Attendees: Amanda Perry, Danielle Mistretta, Debra Feller, Chief Frank Edwards, Jade Marler, Jane Herwehe, Jia Benno, Jim Groody, Julie Johnston, Kristy Ferguson, Dr. Lacey Cavanaugh, Laurel Kitto, Lisa Freeman, Lisa Norman, Lori Miller, Marty Hennegan, Nicole Cousins, Pamela Cart, Rachel Purgatorio, Robyn Thomas, Rosaria Trichilo, Sara Dickerson, Shana Toole, Shelly Ryan Gray, Sunny Funk, and Chief Tommy Clark

CDR Protocol Training Update:

- The trainings were finalized at the beginning of this year.
- The first presentation was in person at Sheriff's association meeting and they are scheduled to present at Chief's association meeting in July.
- If anyone has any suggestions or ideas for additional trainings, please contact Rosi Trichilo-Lucas or Jia Benno.
- Additional suggestions – Coroner's Association Conference in the fall:
 - Contact: Treva Parolli-Barnes, MSW, LCSW Chief of Operations East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner's Office
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Meetings Post-COVID Discussion:

- Louisiana Department of Health will be back in the offices by August 9th.
- Pre-Covid-19, meetings were done in Baton Rouge.
- The group shows a preference towards a hybrid meeting layout. 1-2 in person meetings per year would be in person but zoom will always be available.
- Pam Cart suggested the use of the LOPA facility in Covington for ease of IT availability.
- BFH team will also look into other places in Baton Rouge to hold the meeting (Fire Marshal's, DOE, etc.)
- Panel may experiment with case sending ahead of time vs presenting in meeting instead.

Firearm Safe Storage Campaign Messaging and Funding Needs:

- BeSMART has been meeting with BFH on materials testing and development.
- BeSMART is working on a mockup of the pamphlet and will get that to BFH by the week of June 30th. BFH will resume a quick round of audience testing on this new content.

- Materials will be distributed in gun ranges, gun shops, training facilities, and pediatrician offices as well as other places including law enforcement training academy and public health units as suggestions
- Contact Jia Benno if you have suggestions for indoor/outdoor distribution sites and contacts, funding sources for printing, want to participate in materials testing, or are interested in being a spokesperson about the campaign on behalf of State CDR.
- Pam Cart and Chief Edwards requested a list of need and cost.
- LOPA has a podcast that can be used as a speaking platform for firearm safe storage.
- Sheriff Webre and Val Martinez of Lafourche Parish Sheriff's office may be able to help.

Recommendation Implementation Discussion & Agency Updates:

The following partner initiatives are organized in line with recommendations made by the CDR team on the state and local level. These updates are meant to share what partner agencies are doing to address recommendations and report on the progress of these initiatives as they work to reduce the burden of child death on the state of Louisiana.

Motor Vehicle/Traffic-Related: Car seat safety, seatbelts, driving under the influence, & transport of children with special needs		
Action	Agency	Date
Intensifying child passenger safety and education by distributing Spanish/Vietnamese/ASL infographics. Working to amplify efforts in the tribal community.	Louisiana Highway Safety Commission—Lisa Freeman	
EBR Parish is planning the Coroner's Association Fall conference at which to do CDR protocol trainings. Jim Groody will pass on contact information and time and place once it is decided.	Coroner's Association—Jim Groody	Fall 2021
Child passenger safety legislation evaluation BFH, Loyola Law intern and partners	BFH—Jane Herwehe	Summer 2021
Homicide: Firearm safe storage, recognizing ACEs, stress management, community connectedness and resilience, & violence prevention		
Action	Agency	Date
ACE Education Program- Trauma informed learning collaborative planning for fall Applied for youth violence program should know by Sept 1	BFH—Jane Herwehe	Summer and Fall 2021
Drowning: Water safety promotion, swim lessons for underserved communities, pool safety regulations & code enforcement		
Action	Agency	Date
Pool Safely grant- Completed swim lessons in Hammond; more upcoming in N. LA in July Also throughout the summer in Reg 3 with Life vest distribution	BFH—Jane Herwehe	May, June and July
RN to BSN nursing student helped compile list of swimming lessons available for kids in the Shreveport area.	BFH—Shelley Ryan Gray	
Suicide: Gatekeeper training, Screening tools, firearm safety		
Action	Agency	Date
BFH is working through the Children's Safety Network's Child Safety Learning Collaborative to have gatekeeper training opportunities around the state. The SSHP team has partnered with The Family Tree to organize 8 Gatekeeper training opportunities in 2021 and have trained 245 individuals to recognize signs of suicide and take action to prevent this.	BFH – Jane Herwehe	March-June 2021
The Firearm Safe Storage workgroup is working with BeSMART to distribute materials on firearm safe storage around the state. Materials are currently being developed. Campaign will start with print handout then move to other channels	BFH—Jane Herwehe	June/July 2021 Kick off the Fall
Planning statewide training for ASIST.	OBH	
Safe Sleep: Give Your Baby Space, Pack 'n Play distribution, & safe sleep seminars		

Action	Agency	Date
Safe sleep education provided from Jade Marler. It will be important to talk about safe sleep in a disaster.	Office of Public Health R5—Lacey Cavanaugh	
A research project was conducted in March-May on safe sleep. Results are pending. Women's is working on discharge call-back and are collecting information on safe sleep. Auditing our own safe sleep info. Looking at a screening tool for special needs.	Laurel Kitto—Women's Hospital	
LOPA had a presentation on safe sleep from Chris Knoblauch. There is a meeting coming up with an opportunity to talk about safe sleep. ABMDI school to give basic info on child death and investigation in October.	LOPA—Pam Cart	7/14/2021
New federal standard safety for infant sleep products—inclined sleepers need to be no more than 10 degree incline.	Consumer Product Safety Commission—Shana Toole	
Debra Feller work with local agency—Family obtained a grant for statewide pack and play for emergency use. Grant through Cribs for Kids	BFH—Debra Feller	

Other Updates:

- Birth defects—Julie Johnston
 - Reconvened advisory board to move data to action. Working on case review protocol for preventing birth defects.
- Child Death Review Training—Rosaria Trichilo
 - Child death investigation training in person available. See flyer (attach to email)
 - Webinars on child safety available: <https://www.ncfrp.org/center-resources/archived-webinars/>

Drowning Update & Case Review:

- Drowning Prevention Press Release on May 27th available at: https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/article_1352525e-be39-11eb-b34a-6bf9109133ff.html
- A drowning prevention letter was also sent out to all State CDR members in the Spring and has been picked up by media.
- Jia Benno presented statistics on increased drownings in 2020.
- Two drowning cases were reviewed. Both cases were determined to be preventable.

Next Meeting: Location TBA

- September 28
- December 14

Wrap up & Adjourn

POLICE TRAINING RESOURCES

CHILD DEATH INVESTIGATIONS: A-Z AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

This course offers a comprehensive view into the deaths of children that law enforcement encounters both as patrol officers and investigators. The first day addresses all manners and mechanisms of death. The perspective of the materials is that of the pathologist, and how they come to the final determinations of cause and manner based on the overall investigation into a death. The role of law enforcement and other outside agencies is critical in that determination. Participants will learn how crucial the local investigation into circumstances and confirmation of particular details, in conjunction with the autopsy, is to that final determination.

The second day covers many of the logistical aspects of death investigation, to include court issues, scene considerations, case studies, and working with outside agencies. We welcome detectives, patrol, prosecutors, medical examiners/coroners, child protection professionals, and other related disciplines to attend. There is a strong emphasis on interagency collaboration in this course so any disciplines directly involved in these types of cases are encouraged to attend.



Lisa Mayhew, MS, D-ABMDI has served as the Child Death Investigator and Trainer for the North Carolina Child Fatality Prevention Team and Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the past 21 years. She has provided investigative assistance to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, county social services, and prosecutors. She has trained all levels of law enforcement during this time both in North Carolina and across the country. In addition, she works closely with local fatality review teams, providing training and support. She is the author of *Child Death Investigations: Interdisciplinary Techniques from Cradle to Court* available through Carolina Academic Press.

DATE: JULY 26-27

LOCATION:

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