

# Louisiana State Child Death Review Panel

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March 27, 2018 | 12:00-3:00 pm

Attendees: Pam Cart, Dr. Jaber, Danita LeBlanc, Tim Lentz, Dr. Clayton-Kleinpeter, Jim Groody, Sandra Adams, Cindy Naquin, Mona Michelli, Jana Comeaux, Myra Stoufflet, Janice Zube, Jane Herwehe, Lt. Dave Kolb

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## Agenda

- Welcome and introductions -
- Action Plans Updates
- drowning prevention workgroup –
  - a. CPSC grant – Jane gave an overview of the Consumer Product Safety Commission drowning prevention grant due on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Two part grant: building codes training and enforcement and prevention education. Partners include: La State Uniform Construction Code Council, recreation departments, community based organizations, and swim lesson providers. If awarded, grant would start in July 2018. Funding would be for 2 years. All plans are a direct result of the recommendations from the Drowning subcommittee: improve safety around barriers to access and swim lessons access and increased awareness of drowning hazards and need for supervision. Suggestion to involve Wildlife and Fisheries to target licensed boat owners and work with retailers of blow up pools and above ground pools
  - b. Drowning Fatality Investigation Training – Mr. Groody shared a resource for a May 17-18. (Jane sent flyer with materials before the meeting) Cost \$225/person
  - c. Drowning Spring – Partner outreach – everyone should have received letters in pre meeting email to share and links to resources for social media, free materials etc. May is Water Safety Awareness Month.
- Safe sleep prevention work group – Postponed – see update below from Laurel safe sleep subcommittee has a work plan and a timeline for a number items, some of which include:
  - a. BFH updating the SUID talking point
  - b. putting together a short slide show on safe sleep using updated SUID talking points, establishing the difference between SUID and SIDS, highlighting the website GiveYourBabySpace.com, and possibly telling a brief story that can be utilized in a number of venues...such as hospital leadership meetings, baby sitter courses, and area organization meetings such as AWHONN during Sept /Oct.
  - c. getting final approvals on the safe sleep chain letter, to send out in time for Oct safe sleep awareness month similar to the drowning letter.
  - d. Woman’s will be hosting baby grande prenatal health fair in April. We will have our customary coroners table where safe sleep is spoken about and additionally we will have our interactive booth with baby beds and accessories (toys, blankets etc)... and we will ask the question “what

does safe sleep look like to you?” with on the spot training and education for parents and guests attending the prenatal health fair.

- e. Cancelled meeting will be rescheduled for committee members.
- Baby Box Final Report – Jane shared report (sent with meeting materials in email) and encouraged members to review. It is very well done and offers a comprehensive review of the Baby Box. Thanks to all members who served on the study committee.
- Investigation recommendations roll out- recommendations will be sent to associations
- Legislative Updates –
  - a. Rep. Stagni bill on shaken baby education in high schools (trying to add sleep related and other leading causes of injury if it passes),
  - b. Foil and Claitor bills to limit access to coroner documents could impact fatality reviews, esp. CDR – working with Author and Coroner Association to amend to provide to needed info to public health;
  - c. NVDRS legislation – to establish a requirement for law enforcement and coroners to safely and securely share investigative reports on violent death cases.
- Agency Announcements –
  - a. Danita announced upcoming Suicide trainings and prevention plan. Jane will continue to share resources as Danita sends on
  - b. LOPA –February Coroners Association meeting went well. Charlie Hunter and Beau Clark did a safe sleep presentation and want to take their presentation on the road for training on investigations and doll reenactments. Need money for kits. They could talk to the BFH as SUID grant has resources. Fall Coroner’s association meeting is in Covington – October 6<sup>th</sup> and Winter is Feb 8/9 in Lafayette. FBI will be doing a presentation on Anthrax.
- Next meeting: June 26, 2018. Dept of Education – Claiborne Bldg. topic – violent deaths (homicides and suicides) This topic arose from conversation on the role of firearms in child injury. Group decided it was best to look at all forms of violent death regardless of mechanism of fatal injury.
- Adjourn

**Next Meeting: 2018 Schedule and Dates/Times TBD before close of meeting**

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

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