

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: June 22, 2022

Agenda Item Subject: Child Fatality Prevention Team Annual Report

Attachment(s):

Staff or Board Member Reporting: Quintana Stewart

Purpose: Action
 Information only
 Information with possible action

Summary Information: The report is a review of 2021 Orange County CFPT activities.

Recommended Action: Approve
 Approve & forward to Board of Commissioners for action
 Approve & forward to _____
 Accept as information
 Revise & schedule for future action
 Other (detail):

Orange County Child Fatality Prevention Team Annual Report

Quintana Stewart, MPA
Orange County Health Director
June 22, 2022

Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT) Overview

- ▶ Established in 1993 by State Statute Article 14, 7B-1406
- ▶ One team in every county
- ▶ Review child fatalities of children born alive, ages 0-17 and were residents of your county at time of death
- ▶ Review child deaths that are not due to suspected abuse and/or neglect
- ▶ Report findings of reviews to the Program Coordinator

Goals of Local CFPT

- ▶ Multi-disciplinary agencies and disciplines
- ▶ Find local solutions for local issues
- ▶ Educate your communities about child fatality prevention and child safety
- ▶ Identify system problems, make recommendations for prevention of future fatalities, act to prevent child deaths

Note: The Majority of Recommendations Involve Local Action

- Educating your team on child death scene investigation
- Improving communication between hospital and DSS
- Installing a stop sign at a dangerous intersection

CFPT Legislative Mandate - Article 14, 7B-1406

- ▶ Review the records of “additional” child fatalities
- ▶ Meet 4 times per year on a quarterly basis
- ▶ Identify system problems, make recommendations for prevention of future fatalities, act to prevent child deaths
- ▶ Report the findings of these reviews to the Program Coordinator
- ▶ Submit annually, recommendations to the local County Commissioners (and Board of Health)

CFPT Funding

- ▶ Some funding is allocated from the NC Legislature through the Division of Public Health, Children and Youth Branch and the county health department via an Agreement Addenda
- ▶ Orange County will receive \$804.00 for FY 22-23.
- ▶ Local CFPTs decide how money is spent; funding does not roll over

Child Deaths by Cause, System Problems Identified & Recommendations for Prevention

- ▶ In 2021, the CFPT met 3 times and reviewed a total of 7 cases.
- ▶ There was only one system issue identified during review of the 2020 cases. After a pediatric death at UNC Health, law enforcement was not called.
- ▶ There was confusion about whether the case fell under the Chapel Hill or Durham Police Department.
- ▶ **RECOMMENDATION/ACTION** - Local hospitals should notify law enforcement of all pediatric deaths under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner.
- ▶ The majority of cases reviewed cause of death listed as birth defects or perinatal conditions.

Orange County CFPT Activities & Accomplishments

- ▶ The team has continued to meet during COVID; transitioning to virtual meetings.
- ▶ The team completed several trainings during the 2021 calendar year to include:
 - ▶ “Back to Sleep Safe” Webinar
 - ▶ Melatonin - Marketing Magic Webinar
 - ▶ "Tik TOX - Overview and Interpretations of positive tox findings in child deaths“
 - ▶ "Impaired Sleep: An Inadequately Explored cause of Child Death“
- ▶ Appointed Dana Crews, CHS Division Director, as our new CFPT Review Coordinator

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