

Regular Meeting of the Baltimore County
Child Fatality Review Team
Virtual Meeting – February 22, 2022

The regular meeting of the Baltimore County Child Fatality Review (CFR) Team was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, hybrid with members in attendance joining virtually through the WebEx meeting platform. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by the Chair, Dr. Scott Krugman. Other members in attendance were: Allison Blakely, Courtney Brown, Antia Browne, Tammy Converse, Lisa Dever, Heather Dewey, Janet Furman, Kim Glaze, Deborah Hermann, Nancy Mattucci- Manzo, Teresa Messler, Amy Park, Cpr. Eric Brennan, Ashley Weldon and Don Schlimm. Unable to attend were Dr. Gregory Wm. Branch, Ari Blum, Celena Falline, Kathleen King, Patricia Mustipher, Amber Riley and Lt. Jeffrey Bryan. Guests in attendance to include: Kristen Gwaltney, Maryland Department of Health and CDC Foundation. All confidentiality agreements were completed prior to the start of the meeting.

OPEN SESSION

MINUTES

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 30, 2021 as submitted.

Motion: D. Hermann **Second:** T. Messler **Passed unanimously**

GENERAL UPDATES

A. Blakely provided a brief case update on staffing changes at both Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME). Sara Lewis, grant monitor, has resigned and Kristen Gwaltney is currently in acting until July 2022 with a potential to extend her contract. Baltimore County CFR has not received any death certificates since November 2021 due to MDH security breach. The OCME is continuing to operate with significant delays due to staffing shortage and Dr. Weedn recently resigned from his leadership position. Baltimore County CFR will continue to conduct case reviews but delays will be expected.

A. Blakely shared the Maryland Department of Health’s Child Deaths by Homicide, 2010-2019 Data Report. Baltimore County is second for incidence of homicide. The data reviewed shows highest incidents in weapon related homicide involving, male, teen, black children. It was also noted that the assault homicides were more prevalent in white children, perpetrated by the child’s biological parent, which is reflective of Baltimore County CFR data. Baltimore County CFR will keep this data in mind when developing public health efforts around reducing homicides in the jurisdiction.

D. Hermann announced her retirement set for April 2022. She will work closely with the CFR Coordinator to identify a replacement member prior to her retirement. The team thanked D. Hermann for her contributions to Baltimore County CFR over the many years she served.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to State Law a motion was made at 9:20 AM to close the meeting for discussion of individual child deaths.

Motion: N. Mattucci **Second:** D. Hermann **Passed unanimously**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Blakely, BSN, RN
Coordinator, Baltimore County Child Fatality Review Team