

**Texas State Child Fatality Review Team (SCFRT) Committee
Meeting Minutes
10:00 a.m., May 20, 2022**

**Physical Location: Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Robert Bernstein Building
Room K-100, First Floor
1100 49th St
Austin, Texas 78756**

TEAMS Virtual Meeting

Table 1: Texas State Child Fatality Review Team Committee attendance at the May 20, 2022, meeting.

| MEMBER NAME | YES | NO | MEMBER NAME | YES | NO |
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| Chief Michael Baldwin, Chair | X | | Ms. Letty Martinez | | X |
| Dr. Ada Booth | X | | Ms. LaViza Matthews | X | |
| Judge Shane Brassell | X | | Dr. Kenton Murthy, Vice Chair | X | |
| Dr. Kim Cheung | X | | Ms. Angelica Powers | X | |
| Dr. Tara Das | | X | Dr. Jennifer Ross | X | |
| Ms. Kristi Elliott | X | | Ms. Kathryn Sibley | | X |
| Ms. Madelyn "Maddie" Fletcher | X | | Ms. Amy Smith | X | |
| Sheriff Christopher Forbis | X | | Captain Steven Tellez | X | |
| Dr. Sanjuanita Garza-Cox | | X | Dr. Lawrence Thompson, Jr. | X | |
| Captain Michael Hayes | X | | Mr. Jeremy Triplett | X | |
| Ms. Kerrie Judice | X | | Dr. Jeannine Von Stultz | X | |
| Dr. Owais Khan | X | | Mr. Gene Wu, State Representative | | X |
| Ms. Diane Macleod | X | | | | |

Agenda Item 1: Welcome, Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Chief Michael Baldwin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Ms. Sallie Allen, Advisory Committee Coordination Office (ACCO), Texas Health and Human Services, introduced the ACCO production team for the meeting and advised the facilitation role for the committee would transition to Ms. Francesca Kupper with the August 12th meeting. Ms. Allen proceeded with logistics, called roll, asked each member to introduce themselves, and determined a quorum present.

Agenda Item 2: Introduction of New Committee Members

Chief Baldwin welcomed the new members and stated that Madelyn "Maddie" Fletcher will be the Governor's office appointee, and will be a permanent member of this committee, and Kerrie Judice will be the child advocate representative on this committee. Chief Baldwin extended a welcome to both. He then thanked each new member volunteering to join. He also introduced the reappointed committee members; Angelica Powers, Amy Smith, Dr. Kenton Murthy, and Dr. Sanjuanita Garza-Cox, who could not attend.

Agenda Item 3: Committee member farewell

Chief Baldwin introduced committee member, Dr. Ada Booth and recognized her extended years of service to the committee. She became a member in 2012, served as vice chair

from 2015 to 2017, and served as the chair from 2017 to 2020. Dr. Booth will be leaving the committee for other opportunities, but we wanted to express our appreciation deeply to her for all she has done for this committee. I appreciate all you've done to help me, and we wish you the very best of luck Dr. Booth. Dr. Booth expressed her appreciation and stated she will miss the group very much.

Agenda Item 4: Consideration of February 18, 2022, meeting minutes

Ms. Allen called for edits/changes to the meeting minutes. Dr. Kim Cheung noted on page 2, the record of votes for Dr. Kenton Murphy should be five, and Ms. Heather Fleming was in attendance for the referenced meeting. Ms. Allen requested a motion to approve the February 18, 2022, meeting minutes with the corrections presented.

MOTION: Dr. Kim Cheung made a motion to approve the February 18, 2022, meeting minutes with the corrections presented and Ms. Amy Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried with nineteen approvals and three abstentions.

Agenda Item 5: Updates and announcements

Chief Baldwin turned the floor over to Ms. Blezinger and she provided the following announcements and updates.

a. 2022 SCFRT Legislatively Mandated Report

- For the new members, the 2022 SCFRT biennial report contains aggregate child fatality data from local teams and prevention recommendations for the State Committee based on local team input. The report is distributed to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than April 1st of each even numbered year.
- The report was published on March 31, 2022 and can be found at the Department of State Health Services legislative reports webpage under the 2022 Reports. A link to the report will be distributed to the local child fatality review teams across the state, as well as a document outlining the recommendations submitted by local teams and proposed for the State committee, and note advising which were approved, tabled, or removed from consideration into the report.
- A presentation outlining the data and the recommendations that were included in the 2022 biennial report is being developed and will be shared when a date has been determined.

b. DSHS Office of Injury Prevention updates

- Effective April 1st, 2022, the Office of Injury Prevention Branch, currently led by Miss Jia Benno, Branch Manager, DSHS, moved out of the Maternal and Child Health Unit and became its own unit.
- The Office of Injury Prevention includes the Child Fatality Review program, the Texas Violent Death reporting system, the Safe Riders program, and the EMS and Trauma registries. The Office of Injury Prevention has grown and importance to maternal and child health, and it's looking great for the future of this unit.

Agenda Item 6: Harris County Child Fatality Review Team, A Decade in Review: 2008-2017

Chief Baldwin introduced Ms. Angie Hayes, MS, a research associate at the Baylor College of Medicine and the Division of Public Health Pediatrics. She reviewed the PowerPoint presentation, *Harris County Child Fatality Review Team, A Decade in Review: 2008-2017*. Highlights included:

Following statistics relate to children ages 0-17, for Harris County 2008-2017:

- Leading causes of death by category – outline of percentage of deaths by gender;

- Percentage of population by race - compared to percentage of deaths by race;
- Leading causes of death of infants 12 months and younger;
- Suicide deaths per year at rate of 100K – children ages of 8-17;
- Suicide deaths by cause, gender, race, and age;
- Youth Suicide prevention – risk factors, positive factors, steps, and resources;
- Causes of death by homicide – community violence, child abuse, firearms, and other risk factors;
- Infant sleep related deaths per 100,000 live births, under 12 months, by gender and race;
- Infant sleep prevention tips from American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP);
- Child fatality rates from motor vehicle collisions decreased;
- Motor vehicle collisions by race and gender; prevention resources;
- Drownings by race and gender; majority of drownings occur between April-September.
- Overdose by race, gender, cause, and manner of overdose; with prevention tips and resources; and
- Unintentional deaths by firearms and heatstroke, with prevention tips and resources.

Email akhayes@bcm.edu for a PDF of the report, fliers provided in presentation.

To review the full report, go to: <https://bit.ly/cftrreport>

Agenda Item 7: Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Agenda Item 8: Adjourn

Chief Baldwin called for additional notes or agenda topics for the next meeting.

- Dr. Booth mentioned future trainings. New members have recently joined the State Child Fatality Review Team and it would be nice to share education related to “how to” processes to collect data. Consider a conference, team presentation, discuss ideas, lessons learned, exposure to resources other teams are using, outcome of reports (increase/decrease), and opportunity to get members outside of their own disciplines.
- Dr. Cheung reiterated Dr. Murthy’s suggestion to get the local teams to attend meetings in person and give updates on what is going on in their area.

Chief Baldwin announced the next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2022, and program staff will advise if there are any changes to the meeting format. He thanked Dr. Ada Booth for her service and wished her the best of luck. He thanked the new members for coming on board, and the members and everyone who attended in person or virtually and adjourned the meeting at 11:13 am.

Please click on the link to the archived HHSC video to view, and listen to, the entirety of the State Child Fatality Review Team, May 20, 2022, meeting. This video will be available for approximately two years from the date the meeting video is posted in accordance with the HHSC records retention schedule:

<https://texashhsc.new.swagit.com/videos/174237>